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Serbian Leader

Said to Accept

By Brian Knowlton tional Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - In the most audacious hlow yet against the Yugoslav leadership, NATO missiles destroyed

one of President Slobodan Milosevic's

two official residences in Belgrade on Thursday, even as the alliance stepped

op its pressure by announcing a review

of contingency plans for a ground in-

A Russian special eovoy, meanwhile, said Thursday that President Milosevic had accepted the idea of an "interna-

tional presence" in Kosovo under United

Nations auspices if the NATO bombing

stopped and the alliance withdrew its

The Itar-Tass press agency said the euvoy, Viktor Chemomyrdin, speaking

with reporters in Belgrade, had referred

to "international forces." It was un-

clear, however, whether such a force

would be armed and under what

guidelines it would operate. Mr. Mi-

losevic has previously opposed allow-

ing foreign troops onto its soil in the conflict with NATO. NATO has in-

sisted on an armed presence in Kosovo

to enforce any peace agreement.

Presideot Bill Clintoo, asked about

the Chernomydrin report, said, "If there is an offer for a genuine security force, that's the first time Mr. Milosevic has

done that, and that represents, I suppose, some step forward.

The Pentagon justified the attack the Milosevic residence, in the exclusive

Dedinje residential area of Belgrade, as an attempt to cut off "the head" of a

government that has waged a merciless

assault on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

It said the house was a suspected

'presidential command center' for the

forcing hundreds of thousands to flee.

military and police forces in Kosovo.

Mr. Milosevic and his family were not

in the villa and no deaths or injuries

barred by U.S. law. Kenneth Bacon, the

Pentagoo spokesman, said that NATO

was not targeting "Milosevic or the Serb people," but, instead, "the mil-itary and the military infrastructure that

supports the instruments of oppression

Solana, told The Washington Post hours before the attack that while he expected

the air campaign against Serbia to suc-

ceed, he had authorized alliance com-

manders to update plans for a possible

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tucky, of horse trails and tree forts — the details of such violence are similar.

ated youths whose threats are largely

ignored, and a popular culture of violent

"Our childreo are telling us things," Ms. Wilson said, "and we are

in these cases all have guns," she said.

"These wouldn't be massacres if they involved just knives or baseball bats."

guns, a semiautomatic pistol and a 9mm semiautomatic assault rifle —

would fit in the arsenal of the culprits in

will alter the debate over gun cootrol,

oow focused oo laws requiring adults

who own guos to keep them under lock

and key, is hard to judge. But on Wednesday, a bill that would have loosened

controls on people who carry con-

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Whether details about the weapons

other major school shootings.

The guns used Tuesday -- two shot-

The other thing is that the children

and nihilistic messages predominate.

A mixture of heavy firepower, alien-

Speaking Thursday after meeting

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Profit Surprises Lift Stock Prices

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First-quarter earnings reports from U.S. companies are pouring in. and they are pleasing investors, who drove the Dow Jones industrial average to record levels Thursday. Now, Wall Street strategists are raising their profit forecasts. Page 11.

AGENDA

Reversal on Tax Soothes Jamaica

Life began returning to normal in Jamaica on Thursday after the prime minister said he would reconsider a gasoline price increase that touched off three days of riots. Prime Minister P. J. Patterson said

he would recommend a rollback of the gasoline tax after fiery roadblocks, looting and shootings forced businesses and schools to shut down this week. At least seven people were killed and 23 seriously in-

Barricades: were removed from roads into Kingston, the capital, after overnight curiews. Page 10.

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Korean Air Names **Nonfamily Chief**

A professional executive replaced a member of the owning family as president of accidenttroubled Korean Air on Thursday, making a pledge "to do what it takes to ensure safety." Page 11.

What to Do If Bombings Don't Work In Balkans?

Winter Would Hamper Ground Troops and Limit Aerial Protection

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

BRUSSELS — After four weeks of air strikes against Yugoslavia, NATO still lacks a military plan that would ensure the eviction of Serbian forces from Kosovo and autonomy for the re-gion's ethnic Albanians.

There is broad agreement within the alliance that the bombing needs to continue in ANALYSIS the hope that it will eventually persuade President Stobodan Milosevic to meet NATO's terms.

But what if several more months hf bombing raids do not compel Mr. Milosevic to withdraw his forces from Kosovo? While NATO's military commanders have insisted that air strikes are delivering a punishing blow to the Serbian military, they have never guar-anteed that air power alone can deliver a

victory.

And what if the air campaign produces more cases of "collateral damage" — the military's antiseptic term for the accidental bombing of civilians
— and public support for protracted

bombing begins to wane?
Allied nations might then want to consider ground troops to bring the war to a speedy close. Unless NATO starts assembling a ground force soon, however, the alliance may not have the option of mounting an effective land attack if it needs it.

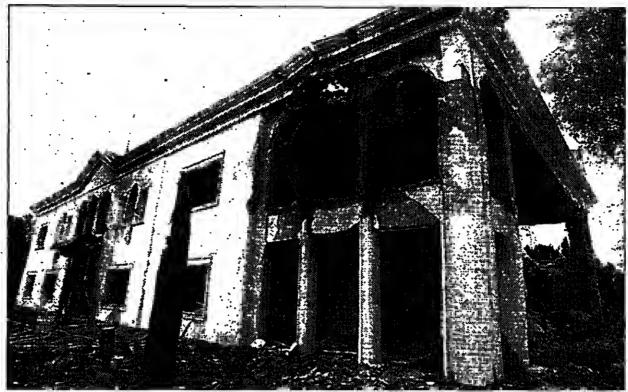
Nobody at NATO is eager to rush into a land war. But if the alliance decides to turn to ground troops, military experts say, they should go in before the weather begins to worsen in September and October. Clear skies and unhampered air power would be needed to protect the troops. It would also be best if Western troops did not have to endure a winter

Given everything that would be needed to have the option of using combat troops this summer, however, the United States and other NATO allies

have moved very slowly. Seeking to quiet the criticism in Congress that NATO lacks a backup plan to use ground troops, the Clinton administration said Wednesday that it favors "updating" the options allied military planners developed last summer for

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Air Strikes Destroy Milosevic's Villa



The state residence of President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade after a NATO air strike destroyed it Thursday.

Anniversary Gala Recast As a Major War Council

Kosovo Dictates Agenda at NATO Summit

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — Long planned as an extravaganza celebrating NATO's 50th year as a peacetime alliance, the summit meeting that opens Friday in Washington finds allied leaders grappling with a brutal, frustrating and unconventional war in Kosovo, Europe' biggest conflict since World War II.

In the face of that reality, the event planned to celebrate NATO's past and give a fillip to its future has become instead a defining moment for the war - a moment more decisive for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization than the reams of commitments on paper that have been prepared for the occasion.

Military fly-hys have been dropped from the schedule, as have banquets with Hollywood entertainment. Evening clothes have been left behind.

The biggest-ever summit meeting in the U.S. capital, involving the leaders of 19 allied nations, plus the presence of 25 more countries involved in alliance activities, has been recast as a wartime conference to shape the alliance's strategy as leaders try to get a fresh grip

on a Balkans conflict that has proved stubbornly different from the defensive wars in Central Europe that NATO had prepared to fight.

A month after launching the air of-

fensive against the forces of Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav president, allied leaders face even tougher decisions. They must weigh conditions for starting ground war in

NEWS Kosovo, ways of stahi-ANALYSIS lizing the fragile frontline countries around the conflict and ideas for meeting the costs of rebuilding postwar Kosovo — and also Macedonia and Albania, and

ultimately, Serbia.
If they fail, Western leaders could live to recall this weekend in Washingtoo as the end of what has promised to be widened and deepened trans-Atlantic cooperation oo internatiooal se-curity in the post-Cold War era.

NATO, after proving its effective-ness in Bosnia, gained recognition as the indispensable mainstay of security in Europe, and the allies, led by the Clintoo administration, were seeking ways to expand on this new stable core. Many of these plans are at stake, suddenly, in the

Panic: Did anyone know first aid?

where he found Aaron, 17, a junior

with Boy Scout training in first aid.

Swallowing his fear, he followed the

on the white linoleum floor. Aaron

peeled off his white T-shirt and urged

He found Mr. Sanders in a red pool

teacher, Kent Friesen.

A teacher rushed to the next room,

EU Nations Close To Oil Embargo

After more than a month of air attacks in which oil refining and storage facilities have been key targets, the European Union was close Thursday to imposing an oil embargo on Yugoslavia, A European Commission spokesman said the embargo probably would go into effect next week. Page 4.

struggle against Mr. Milosevic and his Serbian forces, whose resistance has surprised NATO planners.
The alliance has always been pre-

pared for a defensive war against an aggressor with sophisticated weapons. Now it has to retool, militarily and politically, for an expeditioo against a small hut determined army fighting with low-technology weapoos - including refugee flows -- that Western leaders had underestimated and perhaps even

The decisions facing NATO now are crucial for President Bill Clinton, and for Prime Minister Tooy Blair of Britain and President Jacques Chirac of France, all of whom know that their political careers and place in history will be marked by the outcome in Kosovo.

A litmus test in the eyes of many people, uodoubtedly iocluding Mr. Milosevic, will be the success or failure of

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2 Telecoms Pushing Plan For Europe Powerhouse'

Market Shows Doubt on German-Italian Deal

By Tom Buerkie onal Nevald Tribune

LONDON - After reaching agreement overnight on plans for the world's largest merger, Deutsche Telekom AG and Telecom Italia SpA embarked on a campaign Thursday to win over their skeptical governments and shareholders by promising to forge "Europe's global

telecommunications powerhouse."
The \$90 billion proposal would create the world's third-largest telephone company by market value, its second-largest in terms of wireless subscribers and its largest in terms of fixed-line customers, with 72 million lines reaching one-quarter of the European Un-Zion's population.

But a sharp fall in Deutsche Telekom's share price Thursday sent a clear signal that the agreement was anything but a done deal. It faced stiff competition from a competing \$65 billion offer for Telecom Italia from Oliveni SpA, political concerns in Rome about control of the combined group, a prob-

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able six-month European antitrust review and serious questions from investors about the ability of the two companies to create a common culture and compete effectively.

Given the obstacles, Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia mounted a two-pronged strategy that attempted to address the national considerations of old-style European corporatism as well as the new emphasis on shareholder value sweeping Europe in the wake of the introduction of the single currency in 11 countries Jan. 1.

Mindful of the important role played by governments, particularly in Rome, where many politicians fear that the deal would effectively strip Italy of a vital national asset, the two companies appealed openly for support by urging politicians to raise their horizons to the

European and global level. "Our governments must support the transition to a new industrial era, which will have telecoms as the building blocks of the new economy," said Franco Bernabe, chief executive of Telecom Italia.

"We have missed Silicon Valley in Europe," said his German counterpart, the Deutsche Telekom chief Ron Sommer. "We don't want to miss Telecom

There was no immediate reaction from the Italian government, which this week demanded that any deal be a mer-

While the two companies would share management control equally, shareholders of Deutsche Telekom led by the German government would control 56 percent of the com-

bined company. The two companies also hoped that

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Where Alienated Youths Are Armed but Not Heard one-acre lots, the West Paducah, Ken-



Students hugging during a prayer vigil for the shooting victims.

By David Von Drehle

and Daniel LeDuc

Washington Post Service

LITTLETON, Colorado - There

ere killers in the halls of Columbine

When the explosions roared and bul-

lets began flying, panicked students

saw Mr. Sanders, the much-loved

coach of the girls basketball and soft-

smoke-filled hallway, urgently direct-

ing them toward an escape route.

ball teams, standing bravely in a

Suddenly, the teacher, a longtime same.

High School, yes. But there were also

students like Aaroo Hancey and teach-

ers like Dave Sanders.

SEATTLE - The fact that the worst school shooting in modern times happened in one of those places to which Americans tood to move because they are seeking good schools in this case. Jefferson County, Colorado, one of the fastest-growing areas in the United States - came as oo surprise to Suzanne Wilson.

Propelled by grief, Ms. Wilsoo has spent the last year trying to make sense of the recent carnage in playgrounds and libraries. She lost her own daughter, Brittheny, 12, to a pair of middleschool students in Jonesboro, Arkansas, last year.

She has listened to all the psychi-In these towns - the Springfield.

atrists, school counselors, lawyers and specialists in youth violence, and what she has concluded is this: The places that might seem least likely to yield borrific violence are the very places

Americans should look for answers.

Oregon, of new malls and hig houses on

Bravery Amid Mayhem: Heroes Stepped Forward Some of the clothes were made into Columbine fixture, was reeling, shot twice, with wounds through the chest. a pillow. Other shirts were pressed into He staggered through the door of a nearby classroom, where terrified teenagers saw him begin to cough Mr. Sanders's wounds.

There was a telephone in the room. and Aaron called his father, who used a second line to call paramedics. The elder Hancey relayed questions and advice. For the next three hours, Aaron led a children's crusade, trying to save their teacher's life.

They pressed constantly on the wounds. They found blankets to keep their patient warm. Gingerly, they extracted Mr. Sanders's wallet and held it open before his eyes so he could see the pictures of his wife and daughters.
"I'm not going to make it," one of the other boys in the room to do the

the youngsters heard Mr. Sanders say. Aaroo Hancey didn't give up.
Madness. Terror. Malignancy.
Cruelty. Shock. Evil. They all came
visiting Tuesday in Littleton.

But also courage. Kindness. Selflessness. Endurance. The story of that catastrophe inside Columbine High is still sketchy, shad-

owy and confused. But by day's end Wednesday, enough was known to understand that this story had heroes to go with its villains. It was a good time of year. Studeots

were still talking about the previous

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A '50s Echo: 'You All Right?' 'S'all Right' 'Very Good'

By Richard Severo

EW YORK — Wenceslao Moreno, who started his career as an unsuccessful bullfighter in Spain and then became Senor Wences, a gifted ventriloquist who was able to transform his thumb and forefinger into a convincing dummy that endeared itself to millions of American television viewers in the 1950s and '60s, died Tuesday, his 103d birthday, at his home in

In a career that lasted more than eight decades, Seoor Wences repeatedly proved himself a stellar part of the tradition that included Edgar Bergen, Paul Winchell and other popular ventriloquists who delighted audiences from the 1920s well ioto the

television age. What set Senor Wences apart from everyone else was that his main character was not carved out of wood, as were Bergen's Charlie McCarthy and Winchell's Jerry Mahoney. Johnny, Senor Wences' dummy, was simply formed by his right hand. He painted lips on his thumb, draped a ridiculous orange wig across his fist, stuck eyes on the side of his hand, just below the wig. and let the hint of a body dangle below.
As soon as he began his act, this unlikely creation came to life as Johnny, a lovable, impertinent little boy, not un-

It was shortly after the turn of the century in Spain that Wenceslao

In those days, he had a friend named Paulo. The friend's mother would appear at an upstairs window

"No. Mama." a voice sounding like Paulo would say. "I refuse to come into the house." When the mother demanded that ber son obey, the voice would continue in defiance:

'Mama, you attend to your own business, and I will attend to mine."

Poor Paulo got the dickens on several occasions, until it was discovered that he had not been the culprit.

Other times Senor Wences successfully imitated the voice of the mailman, telling the tenants of his apartment house that the mail was there and ready for distribution. (There were no mailboxes.) All of the tenants would dutifully come down the stairs and assemble at the front door, only to find that no mailman was there. In one instance, an angry tenant dumped a pail of water on the real mailman's head to teach him not to trifle with the residents of that building.

The little sprite of a voice and impisb personality emerged to a wide-spread audience decades later, in the United States in 1948, when Senor Wences made his television debut and introduced Johnny to virtually the nation's entire television audience, which assembled Tuesday nights to watch Milton Berle's variety bour.

Shortly thereafter Senor Wences made the first of 48 appearances on Ed Sullivan's show. Neither Mr. Sullivan nor bis audience ever tired of Senor Wences.

Senor Wences' Johnny was not a rake or a wise guy, like Charlie Mc-Carthy. He was a disembodied insurrectionist whose single-minded purpose was to nettle Senor Wences in little ways, as small boys are wont to do. And so, if Senor Wences announced to his audience that a certain trick was going to be "very difficult,"
Johnny's little voice would insist that it was "easy." If Mr. Wences gave Johnny a dirty look, Johnny would add,

"Difficult for you, easy for me."
In the conversations that ensued, Johnny would seem to be a completely separate being from Senor Wences, quite capable of saying anything, There were no jokes, per se. Just snippets of silly but strangely eloquent conversation. And the exchanges were always polite, gentle; segments ended with kisses between Johnny and Senor

Johnny was not the only star Senor Wences developed. The other was Pedro, a talking head in a covered box.

Pedro was grouchy, imperious, raspy. He almost did not become part of the act. Originally, Pedro had a body that was crushed in a train wreck near Chicago, Senor Wences, salvaging the head, put it in a box. At first, those who hooked the act resisted: they did not think people would relate to a head in a box. But Senor Wences pre-

Whatever happened in the act, whatever pandemonium there might be, Senor Wences would always open the box and say to Pedro, "You all

Pedro would always respond, "S'all right," to which Senor Wences would say, "Very good." If Senor Wences presumed too much and opened the box when Pedro preferred privacy, Pedro would demand, "Shut

When Pedro and Johnny were si-multaneously in action, it seemed a wonder that Senor Wences could get through his shows in full control. He had a palpable Spanish accent, and there were times when some found it difficult to understand him. The laughs came just the same; his timing and the gentleness of his message were such that he transcended the bounds of language.

enor Wences, who was also a formidable jnggler, started out as a young torero in local bull rings near Salamanca. After several bulls got the best of him, he numed to ventriloquism and juggling. By the 1920s he was in demand in Europe and Latin America. He first came to New York in 1935. But it was not until he got on television that he

became truly famous.
In 1996, Senor Wences received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Comedy Hall of Fame. and be was honored by New York City, which designated a block of West 54th Street from Eighth Avenue to Broadway as Senor Wences Way.



Wenceslao Moreno, better known as Senor Wences, had a palpable Spanish accent, and some in the audience found it hard to understand him. But the laughs came just the same.

Maya Throne May Revent Answers to

By Julia Preston

MEXICO CITY - In rain forests at the foot of the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexican and U.S. archaeologists have uncovered a monumental artwork that appears to be one or the most revealing artifacts that has been found from the resplendent but mysterious final years of ancient Mayan civilization.

While digging through a crambling temple at Palenque, site of some of the most refined Mayan ruins in Mesoamerica, the researchers came upon a benchlike throne more than 2.7 meters (9 feet) wide and 1.5 meters deep in vermilionpainted limestone, which one of the last Mayan rulers built around 760 to dazzle his subjects and persuade them of his

like the boy Senor Wences had been.

Moreno found that he could imitate others and throw his voice. In school, when one of his classmates was absent, he would answer for him, and the teacher would mark the missing stu-

and call for her boy to come home.

Rwanda Turning to Its Traditional Ways to Do Justice

By Ian Fisher New York Times Service

KIGALI, Rwanda - The word gacaca in the Kinyarwanda language spoken here refers to the grass that village elders once sat on as they mediated the disputes of rural life in Rwanda; a cow trampled someone's crops, or had blood arose between two families.

Now the Rwandan government is proposing a modified version of gacaca to settle one of the most contentious issues left from the mass killings of 500,000 or more Tutsi in 1994: how to judge the 125,000 people, almost all Hutu, still in jail and charged in the massacres and other crimes of the period.

Under the proposal, the most serious accusations — murder, planning murder, rape — would remain in the justice system, but local communities would judge suspects outside the justice

The plan is still amorphous. But it has raised strong feelings in Rwanda, where the wounds from 1994 are still fresh and

Late last month, a town meeting in Kigali was devoted to gacaca (pronounced ga-CHA-cha), and it went on for three and a half hours. People watching on television and listening to radio called from around the country.

Even the proposal's strongest supporters are urging caution; because the approach does not ren partial panels to judge but on people from the very comtook place.

Roman Catholic hishops recently expressed their concern about gacaca to the prime minister, worrying that it "might become an instrument of injustice."

Many Hutu worry that the tribunals will devolve into a witch hunt. Many Tutsi worry that suspects may get off easy in communities that are predom-

"There is a kind of ethnic tension charges connected to the killings has hich is persistent in the population," slipped to just under 125,000, from which is persistent in the population,"

relations between the two ethnic groups are far from friendly.

Late last month, a town meeting in Said Aloys Habimana, director of the Rwandan League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights. "And as far Mr. Habimana said.

130,000 several years ago, In the last two years only 1,274 people have been tried, someone who did these acts of bloodshed and sexual torture? It's imas they are unable to overcome this. it will be difficult for them to be fair. Still, Mr. Habimana stands firmly be-

"I'm not saying that they will be 100

not facing the most serious accusations.

have now, can you say they are 100 two women and has been in jail for three percent fair?" What prompted the government to make the proposal is the fear that the

justice system has proved unable to judge so many people.

The number of suspects jailed on

percent fair," he said. "But in the situ- we are born, people can say, this man has

which runs programs ning a test run. Local communities would judge suspects prisoners think

years to complete the trials.

gacaca is a good idea.
"Once we go to the place

ka. said the massacres were too serious to be settled by gacaca. 'Gacaca is the reconciliation be-

tween the victim and the criminal," he on the seriousness of the crime, with said. "After negotiating, you reconcile. judges elected from each community."

shed and sexual torture? It's impossible."

· At that rate, as Rwandans are fond of Ssible."
The justice minister, Jean de Dieu pointing out, it could take a hundred Mucyo, said gacaca is aimed not only at Last year alone, 2.500 suspects died in the 19 prisons, largely of AIDS, tuber-reconciliation between Hutu and Tutsi. culosis or typhoid, according It would not begin until next year at the to Penal Reform Internation earliest, and the government is first plan-

really oppressive to the heart," Mr. Mucyo said, "But if the truth can come out, everyone can know what happened: ation where we are, we will have to done nothing," said Azalyas Rukiz- 'This one killed my brother, or My son accept certain risks. Even the trials we angabo, 54, who is accused of killing is in jail for this reason.' With the truth coming out, everyone will be relieved."

years.

But in Nyarubuye district, a police prosecutor, Abbey Alphonse Mazi-mpahigh organized and hierarchical. The charges would be broken down into four categories. Hearings would take place on four administrative levels, depending

WEATHER

Asia

Old Mystery

New York Times Service

god-given right to power.

What became of the Classic Mayans, who developed the only pre-Colombian writing in the Americas and devised an intricate astronomy to chart the movements of the heavens, is one of the great puzzles of archaeology.

During the ninth century, flourishing cities like Palenque were abruptly abandoned, in what seems to have been a cultural collapse.

The Palenque throne is adorned with at least 200 hieroglyphs and six sculpured portraits that, based on the experts first reading, disclose the achievements and illusions of the Mayan nobility in the decades just before their demise. The discovery also signifies a high

point of cooperation between Mexican and U.S. archaeologists, after a long period in which Mexico was uneasy bout foreigners digging in its pre-Hispanic sites.
To show Mexican enthusiasm for the

find, President Ernesto Zedillo flew to Palenque to display the throne.

The Palenque explorations are being

carried out by a team led by Arnoldo Gonzalez Cruz of the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico City and Alfonso Morales of the University of Texas at Austin.

The project is largely financed and directed by the Pre-Columbian Art Research Institute of San Francisco.
"We're working as a group," said

"We're working as a group," said Mr. Morales, who has been keenly aware of Mexican sensitivities about the excavation. "No one can say. This is my throne; that is my temple.

... Mr. Morales said the grandeur of the throne; and, the spaciousness of the palace that houses it indicate that the last rulers of Palenque were more amhitious and proud of their power than had been understood.

The newly found throne belonged to a monarch descended from a Mayan king named Pakal and is part of what is emerging as a construction program by later rulers even more extensive than one is holding feelings inside and it's that of the vainglorious Pakal. The throne carries more inscriptions laden. with more historical information than any other in the Mayan world, archaeologists said.

Mr. Morales and other experts say that mapping the building projects could be crucial to reaching a new understanding of the Maya decline. The scientists have theorized that the logging required for the stucco construction may have depleted forests and compounded ecological changes, perhaps undermin-ing agriculture and forcing the Mayans to migrate to less hospitable territory.

BRIEFLY

Israel and Egypt Urge Delay In Palestinian Statehood Move

CAIRO - Presidents Ezer Weizman of Israel and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt advised the Palestinians on Thursday to postpone proclaiming a state until the climate cools after Israeli elections next month.

'The atmosphere in Israel is very hot, so let's wait a couple of months,' Mr. Weizman said at a news conference with the Egyptian leader after more than two hours of private talks and a huncheon. Israelis will vote May 17. Egypt backs the Palestinians but we hope that they will take a decision that will satisfy everyone." Mr.

Mubarak said. Asked if he expected a crisis to erupt if a Palestinian state should be declared on May 4. Mr. Mubarak answered: "I hope not."

UN Criticizes Fight on AIDS

GENEVA — Government spending to combat AIDS has failed drastically to keep pace with the spread of the disease around the world, now infecting nearly 6 million people each year, the United Nations said Thursday. "It is alarming that AIDS is expanding three times faster than the funding to control it," said Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of the Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS.

The agency said wealthy countries' support for the global fight against AIDS "is being vastly outpaced by the epidemic," which has infected 47 million people over the past two decades.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Air France Strike at Nice Extended

PARIS (Bloomberg) - Air France ground staff at Nice airport, France's third-busiest airport, extended their strike Thursday into a seventh day, forcing the airline again to reronte flights to Toulon and to cancel service between Nice and other European cities.

The airline also said some ground workers walked off the job at Orly Airport near Paris early Thursday, though the walkout was not expected to have an additional effect on Paris

Gain Is Seen for Low-Fare Airlines

LONDON (Bloomberg) - Low-fare airlines will carry almost one-third of passengers in Europe in the next few years. up from 5 percent now, bringing lower prices for travelers and challenges to traditional carriers, an industry consultant said Thursday.

Thursday.

"There will be more choices, cheaper choices and substantial declines in the quality of service," said Deborah Meehan. president of Simat, Helliesen & Eichner Inc., an airline industry consulting company based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Quality will fall as airlines cut costs to keep prices low, she said.

Ms. Meehan estimated that low-fare carriers such as EasyJet Airline Co.. Ryanair Holdings PLC and Debonair Airways Ltd. would soon be chosen by 25 percent to 30 percent of air travelers in Europe percent of air travelers in Europe.

The Tower of Pisa is to have its tilt partly corrected for the millennium, specialists working on the monument said Thursday. They said that by next year the tilt of the tower, which has been closed to tourists since 1990, would be reduced by between 38 and 42 centimeters (15 to 17 inches). (AFP)

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By Rene Sanchez and Amy Goldstein

The bullets hit a math whiz and a wrestler, debate team members and an aspiring gymnast, a beloved teacher and a gregarious student known in the halls as "the Little Guy."

The jocks and the brains, the goofy

freshmen and the cocky seniors, the slackers and the stars — virtually every-one was in the line of fire when Columbine High School erupted into

Not all the names and conditions of the victims cut down in the massacre are along with everyone," said Ashley Prinknown. But as hundreds of their parents and classmates held an anguished daylong vigil around the sprawling campus Wednesday — waiting for the bodies to be removed — they drew a diverse

start of new challenges in college. Othwhat began as just another day of duty in jobs they loved.

. By the time the torrent of shooting had at Columbine, lay dying in a classroom,

stanch the bleeding with the T-shirts that to say there was a problem" within the they had been wearing; others knelt down and showed him family photo-

symphony, had been shot in the chest.
Danny Steepleton, 17, an bonor student who ran on the cross-country team,

had been shot in the leg.

Patrick Ireland — "that dude always totally aced his trigonometry tests," in the words of a classmate, Landon Jones

- had been shot twice in the head. Makai Hall, a junior who friends said loved the adventure of rock-climbing on weekends, had been hit by shrapnel from a pipe bomb. And Isaiah Shoels, a buoyant 18-year-

old senior hardly more than 5 feet tall (152 centimeters), had been shot to death. "He was so full of life, and he got

zi, a classmate. 'He was so small, I don't even know how all the bullets got him." "He'd always try to lift you up," said Stephanie Fredericksen, a freshman who rode the bus to Columbine with him. She recalled a time once after school when she and a friend were visibly upset about a guy. "And he came up and said, 'Oh,

guy. And he came up and said, Ch, girls, cheer up. Things won't stay bad; things always get better.''

Harold Berry, a longtime family friend who was at the home of the Shoels family Wednesday night, said Mr. tree. Some students said they had not since birth, and was harried to the shooting. Others had not since birth, and was harried to the shooting. since birth, and was hospitalized for five days this month. Monday was his first day back at school.

The friend said that Mr. Shoels, one of a small number of African Americans at the school, "was being racially abused" by a few students who were part of the group known as the Trench Coat Mafia, which included the two assailants.

Mr. Berry said that Mr. Shoels's 15year-old sister "went to a school official past month "with some of the students acting racially toward him. They didn't



Bruce Crossar crying as he touched a card signed by mourners at a vigil

in Denver's Civic Center Park in honor of victims of the school shooting. throughout the Denver area streamed to POLITICAL NOTES

> Clinton Questions Violence in Media

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia-President Bill Clinton urged students, parents and teachers across the country on Thursday to consider whether graphic violence on tele-vision and the Internet played a role in tragedies such as the killings at a school in Littleton, Colorado.

'We have to ask ourselves some pretty hard questions here," Mr. Clinton said in a nationally broad-cast talk with students at T.C. Wil-liams High School. "What is the role of the larger culture here?"

Mr. Clinton said be had beeo

struck by reports that the two killers had felt ostracized by their peers and embraced racist views. The president urged students to look beyond their differences and emphasize what they had in common. (AP)

Quote/Unquote

Pat Buchanan, the Republican presidential candidate, arguing that stricter gun laws could not have prevented the Colorado school shootings: "The massacre is a tragic reflection of the dark side of American society. At Littleton, America got a glimpse of the last stop on that train to hell America boarded decades ago, when we declared that God is dead and that each of us is his or her own god who can make up the rules as we go along.'

Killers Seemed to Plan To Blow Up the School

Propane Bombs Found Hidden in Kitchen

LITTLETON, Colorado - The two students who massacred their classmates here before killing themselves intended to blow up the school, authorities said Thursday after discovering two large propane bombs hidden in the school's

The discovery also could provide more evidence of a wider conspiracy, Sheriff John Stone said Thursday.

"These subjects were not only on a killing rampage, but they were going to destroy the school," the sheriff said after the bombs were discovered and removed from Columbine High School "They were going to burn the school up."

The two gunmen, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, armed with two sawed-off shotguns, a semiantomatic rifle, a handgun and homemade bombs stuffed with nails and shotgun shells, killed 12 students and one teacher Tuesday before killing themselves.

A total of 16 people remained hospitalized Thursday, 11 in critical or serious condition.

The authorities had already been looking into the possibility of additional suspects because of the amount of ammunition and explosives left behind.

Each of the bombs, placed inside pro-pane tanks like the kind found on backyard barbecues, weighed at least 35 pounds, anthorities said. "It's drawing suspicion out here that they would [not] have time to put as much ordnance in that school as they did without some help," Mr. Stone said. School officials said Thursday that

Columbine would be closed indefinitely as damage was assessed.

Students will finish ont the school year at other schools.

The removal of the victims' bodies more than a day after the shootings al-lowed investigators to begin cataloguing evidence and turn their attention to other

"We're tracing the weapons and in-dividual purchases to determine how these young adults obtained these illegal weapons," said Rich Marianos of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Authorities said the bombs were made from materials that could have been bought at most hardware stores.

Classmates said the two killers were part of an outcast group called the Trench Coat Mafia and that they wore hlack and spoke German to each other. They believe their choice of Hitler's hirthday for the attack was no coincidence

Some students, meanwhile, wondered whether they would be asked to return to the halls where their classmates killed and were killed. "I really don't think anybody wants to go back in there," said Susan Dewitt, 17. "Even if they remodel it, we'll all know where everything is."

■ 4 Arrested in Colorado Springs

Four teenagers who wore hlack trench coats to a Colorado Springs high school were arrested, and an Ohio youth was taken into custody for threatening to kill his classmates in two incidents since the Littleton shootings. The Associated Press reported Thursday.

A day before the Littleton killings, Georgia officials arrested two teenagers

for allegedly threatening to shoot their classmates. The two, who sometimes wore black trench coats like the ones in Colorado, had some sort of Internet link to the Colorado group, the police said.

Away From Politics

• President Bill Clinton has nominated new chiefs for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps. If ratified by the Senate, General Eric Shinseki will become the army's chief of staff and Lieutenant General James Jones will become Marine commandant. (NYT)

 Defying appeals from many na-tions, President Bill Clintoo has decided to retain stocks of the smallpox virus, concluding that samples must be maintained to develop new drugs and vaccines to meet the threat of hioterrorism. The disease was eradicated worldwide in 1980.

• Extra crews were sent bome after officials said the Florida Everglades fire was nearly donsed. (Reuters)

• The Pentagon offered to guarantee at least two representatives at the funerals of all honorably discharged eterans to ensure proper services for military families.

 A former teacher who has spent 20 years in psychiatric hospitals after the torture, killing and cannibalization of a teenager is no longer a threat to society and should go free, a jury said (AP) in Garden City, New York. (NYT)

SCHOOL: Where Alienated Youths Are Armed But Not Heard

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cealed weapons, which had seemed

The initial sketch of the teenage shooters — described by friends as bright, scornful of authority, with ec--centricities that should have set off alarms - also matched that of other children with guns and grudges.

is a co-author of "Violence in America's Schools." "In most of these cases, there are lots of symptoms. But teachers ignore them, because they are not trained

Finding common symptoms and patterns to school shootings may be the easy part. The more troubling question, per-

The fistfight was to settle a feud and certainly would not have made news. But that fight never took place. Instead,

lunch shift was just starting.

Then, striding across a soccer

field, closing on the student

parking lots, came boys with guns and bombs. As they came closer, they began fir-

ing. An explosion racked a

quickly, as the blood began to run, everyone realized the

Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan

Klebold, 17, entered the school through the cafeteria,

loaded up with an arsenal of almost unbelievable dimen-

sions: two sawed-off shotguns, a rifle, a handgun, and

On the second floor, they

Woodman, 16, among others, was cowering

entered the library where

under a library desk. From her hiding place she could hear her classmates joyfully turn-ing the library into a chamel

house.
"They'd shoot people and
yell, they were excised," she
said. "They said, "We've

waited to do this our whole

lives." One saw a boy under a desk and cried, "Peeka-boo!" before opening fire.

Hony, who carled his body around hers and whispered

that he would take the bullet.

When the two killers stopped to reload, Crystal and Seth ran

for their lives.

The shooting lasted for about an hour. The gummen stalked the halls. They exploded bombs that made the

building tremble as if it would

collapse. They laughed to-gether. They set off flares.

and when the fire alarm began ringing, one of them shot the

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Beside Crystal was Seth

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car on the parking lot.

a slaughter unfolded over fours hours in Littleton, a suburb south of Denver.

In pure numbers, school violence is down. After more than a decade of sharp increases, homicides by juveniles dropped substantially in 1995, and continued to fall for the next two years. School violence is way down from five years ago, and, until yesterday, this school year was shaping up as the safest in a decade, according to the National

haps, is why the normal problems of adolescence seem to be resolved now in extraordinary spasms of violence.

The shooters and some of the victims in Colorado were supposed to have met in Colorado were supposed to have met

national trends provide few answers.

tional individuals."

He pansed, then said, "I don't see any Schools today are so focused on test scores and not on emotional train

the school's grounds to mourn the vic-

"We still don't know what happened to a lot of people." said Sarah DeBoer.

16, who narrowly escaped the gunfire as she fled the school. "I can't stand it." Many students placed small bouquets

'Just to even think we'd have to walk

through haliways where you know so

many people were lying dead — it might be too much to take," said Lindsey Neam, 17, a junior. "The school will

look the same, but now everything about

The news that the coach had been a

victim seemed to hit students particularly

hard. As one began to describe him to

reporters, another student overheard and gasped, "Not Mr. Sanders, no!"

Some students said that when the

shooting began, Mr. Sanders rushed

around the school's cafeteria, ordering

students to get beneath the tables.

if they could ever return to class.

it will always be different

wrecks, some experts say, that they are missing the real problems.
"The problem is that we don't have any place in our society where we help kids systematically think through emo-

psychiatry at Duke University. Dr. Coie said he feared a copycat "That's what really scares me," he

tions," said Dr. John Coie, a professor of

said. "Kids who are looking at these other examples must be talking to them-selves about how they can create a big-Now, as graphic images of death at a

What remains high is the number of house of learning are shown on teleguns in schools. More than 6,000 stuvision, many parents are trying to shield

"We teach our children, 'Thou shalf not kill,' and then we let them play hours To the police officers who saw the bodies at Columbine High School, the games," Ms. Wilson said. "I say let the children go to funerals.

ing, Sheriff John Stone said, "A dys-functional individual, several dysfunc-empty bedroom."

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hloody chaos Tuesday.

portrait of the dead and wounded. Most were leaders and strivers whose lives were just coming into bloom. Some were seniors counting out their final glory days before graduation and the ers were faculty members reporting for

"The thing about a school like this," said Jennifer Pierce, a Columbine student, 'is that no matter where those guys fired, they would have hit someone who had high hopes for the future.'

ended. Dave Sanders, a veteran business teacher and a coach of girls' sports teams with massive gunshot wounds. Some students tried for hours to

graphs from his wallet.

Anne Marie Hochholter, 17, a member of the school's marching band and students from Columbine and from

likely to pass, was pulled from the Col-orado Legislature.

"It is clear these youths were having significant problems," said Dr. Beatrix Hamburg, a New York psychiatrist who

to respond to them."?

several months ago in a rumble pitting students known as the Trench Coat Mafia against the athletes they targeted: Goths vs. Jocks, as some students described it.

School Safety Center, a group based in Westlake Village, California, that mon-itors deadly violence in schools. In the 1993-1994 academic year, for

example, 52 children were killed in U.S. schools. Last year, the toll was 42. Before the killings Tuesday, with barely two months to go in this school year, the tally had been nine.

among the highest ever recorded.

Asked about a motive for the shoot-

HEROES: Amid the Mayhem, Bravery and Sacrifice Emerge

I'm bleeding to death," it Then there was a boy at the

Continued from Page 1 were up against. At one point, P.M., going slowly, slowly, You can do it."
they saw a sign in the shot-out room by room. By now the "Tell my a weekend's prom. The first window of the library: "Help, shooting had stopped. But the lunch shift was just starting. I'm bleeding to death," it police did not know exactly what that meant

Eric Harris and Dylan Klewindow, so far identified only as "Rich." bloody, ashen and looking as if he might jump.

A police SWAT team broken youth in the high school library. bold apparently had shot Then Aaron looked up to themselves to death, adding see a heavily armed officer Everyone was baffled neath the window and two

On the red-stained floor of Everyone was sure it was officers put down their guns, a science classroom, Aaron some kind of joke. Very climbed up on the car and Hancey and his fellow stusted with the window, dents kept pressing their "We've got to get everyone out," the policeman insisted. shirts into Dave Sanders's out," the policeman insisted. risking a possible ambush. shirts into Dave Sanders's wounds. He spoke constantly

"Tell my girls I love breathed. Three hours passed this

"Be quiet. Put your hands on your heads and follow us out," he barked.

Sometime after the boy left

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Aaron Hancey offered to

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Swedish Hospital in Denver. to the teacher, leaning close: — it is not known precisely In all, four SWAT teams "You're doing all right. when — Dave Sanders joined were in the building by 1 They're coming. Just hold on.

EUROPE

We've Reawakened Roman Archaeology' on Site of Future Park

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

ROME - A broad swath of central Rome is being dug up at a site that archaeologists describe as the largest excavation anywhere. City officials say it will one day become the world's biggest outdoor archaeological museum.

The excavation, which will cost about \$11 million, began last April and employs more than 100 workers, from archaeologists to laborers, in an area covering 13,500 square meters (150,000) square feet). So far they have brought to light pieces of evidence and artifacts that have added substantially to knowledge of an area that for centuries has been

Rome's commercial and political heart. project that will fundamentally change the shape of central Rome by revamping one of the foremost urban renewal projects of the century. From 1932 to 1934,

Mussolini ordered the first major excavations on the site when he constructed the broad Via dei Fori Imperiali, then presumptuously known as the Via del Impero. His idea was to connect the Colosseum with his offices at Piazza unsuccessfully to re-create.

When the current work is completed. sometime after 2001, the excavated sites will form part of an enormous archaeological park with marked paths, benches and visitor information centers. The Via dei Fori Imperiali, which Mussolini intended for military parades, will be substantially narrowed and limited to buses and other forms of public transport.

'It's extraordinary, both from an ar-The excavations are part of a broader chaeological and an urban planning La Rocca, an archaeologist who is the oject that will fundamentally change point of view. said Andreas Steiner, city's superimendent for antiquities and editor of the Italian archaeological journal Archeo.

The idea for a vast open-air archae-

Roman forums, which lie adjacent to the planted with grass and trees: the Forum well-known Roman Forum, has been under discussion for decades. But urban planners objected to closing the Via dei Emperor Vespasian from 71 to 75 after Fori Imperiali to private transportation the destruction of Jerusalem, and Tra-Venezia and lay bare the remains of and argued for preserving the avenue as ancient Rome, whose glory he sought a rare example of monumental fascistancient Rome, whose glory he sought a rare example of monumental fascistera urban design.

The mayor of Rome, Francesco Rutelli, who wants to restore the city's historic center to pedestrians, said the project would transform the area "from a scenic highway through the ruins to a kind of balcony on the most extensive digging has raised questions about earliarchaeological area in the world."

was useless to excavate the forums, that we know everything.' said Eugenio of Trajan rising between a basilica, or La Rocca, an archaeologist who is the

fine arts.

The digging is nevertheless progressing, focusing on three broad areas that idence of a building.

ological park on the site of these great Mussolini's planners had leveled and 46 B.C., the Forum of Peace, built by the cessor. Hadrian.

The finds, though modest, are casting light not only on the area's early history but on its development in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance as well.

In Trajan's Forum, for instance, the er attempts to reconstruct the complex: It never been identified. It remains controversial. "People said had been thought to consist of a large courtyard, with the monumental Column meeting hall, and a temple to the deified emperor. But Silvana Rizzo, the chief archaeologist, said that borings on the temple's presumed site yielded no ev-

that was designated as a temple," she of Caesar, dedicated by Julius Caesar in said, "or was it the entire sacred area, in the sense of an open-air temple?"

Among the Renaissance-era finds, archaeologists digging in Trajan's Forum recently unearthed the well-preserved workshop of a 16th-century Renaissance potter, complete with kiln, pottery remains and a storehouse of clay and tools. Comparisons of the pottery with archival records enabled scholars to identify the potter as Giovannino Boni da Brescia, whose work had been known to experts but whose workshop site had

The discoveries have set nff a debate about just what remains are worthy of preservation. In a process much like peeling the skin of an onion, Roman archaeology yields traces of successive evidence of the glory of imperial Rome,

Was it the area around the column the remains of later ages had little in-at was designated as a temple," she terest, and be ordered them destroyed.

Today, experts attach the same importance to the remains of the Middle Ages and Renaissance that they do to ancient ruins. So in Nerva's Forum, for instance, the remains of ninth-century Carolingian buildings have been left standing where they were built, even though their presence prevents further restoration of the imperial forum.

Next autumn the digging will be interrupted and temporary walkways constructed to allow pilgrims streaming to Rome to celebrate the third millennium of Christianity to pass the Colosseum and Trajan's Column on their way to St. Peter's and the Vatican.

In January 2001 the digging will begin again, and the park will be given what city officials bope to be its final look.

We've reawakened Roman archaeages from antiquity to the present. For Mussolini, whose interest was in finding ology," Mr. La Rocca said, "which had been slumbering for quite a few years."

Embargo Near on Oil to Yugoslavia

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - After more than a month of air attacks in which oil refining and storage facilities have been key targets, the European Union was close Thursday to imposing a total oil em-

bargo on Yugoslavia. A spokesman for the European Contmission suidan embargo has been agreed on by ambassadors from all 15 EU countries. If of which are also members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The spokesman said the ban probably would go into effect next week following

approval by foreign ministers.
Officials said the anomaly of bombing refineries and allowing oil to be imported was due to resistance by Greece and Italy to an embargo, which

tinued through ports in a Yugoslav republic. Montenegro. This week. EU sion was unable to supply figures for the amount of oil received by Yugoslavia since the start of the bombing campaign, nor for the amount of oil en route

The embargo will cover a long list of petroleum and related products, ranging from Vaseline to crude oil and gas. It will apply to any company based in the EU. including the subsidiaries of American companies, involved in the shipping, financing and insuring of oil supplies.

The EU will seek to extend the measure to companies in the Eastern and Central European nations that are candidates for EU membership. Cyprus and the European Free Trade Area, But the required unanimity.

NATO said it has targeted oil faments coming from outside Europe, since

The EU was particularly anxious to close supply routes through Romania. sources said, a Texaco tanker unloaded a Bulgaria and Hungary, all of which are cargo of crude oil from Britain. A candidates for membership of the Union.

> of the economy, Attila Chikan, said some oil was headed for Yugoslavia through his country on barges and trucks but in "insignificant amounts."

> Greece, a traditional ally of Serbia. agreed to the embargo on the condition that oil could continue to flow for humaniturian purposes. A government spokesman said Greece and Italy had agreed on a strategy regarding an embargo, and that his country had lifted its reservations after Rome did the same.

The ban will apply to Montenegro as well as Serbia. The EU was planning to cilides, as well as bridges and supply routes, to deprive Yugoslav forces in Cosovo of essential supplies,

During the bombing, trade has conficially at war with Yugoslavia.

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Population of Kosovo (1991 census): The Flow 2 million Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo before of Refugees crisis: 1.8 million Fled or expelled from Kosovo since March: More than 770,000 While the number of refugees leaving Kosovo Fled or expelled since air attacks began March 24 (through Thursday): 591,600 has slowed, surrounding countries continue to be overwhelmed with Areas of Serb attacks substantial numbers. YUGOSLAVIA MONTENEGRO 68,200 retugees SERBIA ALBANIA 359,00 refugees MACEDONIA 132,100 refugees* Other countries Skopje

with refugees: Bosnia 32,300, Turkey 4,000, Croatia 5,000, Sources: NATO: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Bulgarian government

NATO: 50th Anniversary Party Recast as Major Wartime Meeting

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threat of a ground offensive when they launched air attacks last month has led critics to say that NATO was not credfor a green light at the summit meeting arrived in the Balkans. ible militarily in Belgrade and must be-

conie so.
Planning for a ground war, critics say, would demonstrate the West's determination to prevail, and therefore increase the chances of winning with the cargo planes, for missions where the air war alone. But even preparing to send in the troops carries the cost of admitting with ground troops. that allied leaders hoped to get victory in

It also broadcasts an ominous signal of escalation, including an economic embargo against Serbia to halt oil suprequire the alliance to be able to reassure NATO allies, such as Italy, Greece and Hungary, that are liable to feel the blowsuch as Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria and perhaps even Montenegro, with evidence of the alliance's ability to see them through a showdown.

These imperatives overshadow the summit meeting's original program of debates about future directions for NATO. Diplomats have labored for months on a series of issues for the meeting, including several thorny questions: Should NATO promise "no first use" of nuclear weapons as sought by the Greens in Germany's new coulition government? What answer should be given to a dozen Central European nations asking to follow the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland into the alliance?

How far should NATO "globalize" its ambitions as a force ready to act outside Europe? Does NATO have to always wait for an authorization from the United Nations Security Council? Should NATO — in this case, the United States - welcome an Anglo-French initiative to give Europe an autonomous

capacity in defense? That list will be largely deaft with in what the alliance calls a new strategic concept to emerge from the meeting, and which is being finalized in the last few hours, apparently successfully. As a French participant put it, "No one is going to jeopardize the war effort by pushing the allies to a public split on some doctrinal point.

On a few questions about the alliance's future, the war has raised the stakes, notably concerning the issue of a European defense role inside NATO and armed forces and equipping them to fight future conflicts resembling the one in Kosovo.

Operation Allied Force:

on further discussions about a deal in which Washington would promise unincluding satellite intelligence and big

probably been a wash as far its impact on the European defense role is concemed," Hubert Vedrine, the French plies. The call for a fight to the finish will foreign minister, said in an interview this week. "It's probably a plus for Euro-peans' confidence in their ability to work together, but we still bave a great deal back, and also to help stabilize nonallies, more work to do in developing a defense identity of our own.

The 'defense identity' as redefined last year by Paris and London, means. Mr. Vedrine said, that "Europeans want to be able to work inside NATO when it's appropriate, as it is right now in Kosovo, and we also want to be able to work among Europeans, on the basis of confidence with the alliance, when it's

That call for a larger European role in NATO, including some autonomy in defense for allies that are also members of the European Union, has received a cautious welcome from the Clinton administration, which says that it has shed previous U.S. governments' hahir of giving lip service to European aspirations while maintaining U.S. insistence on running the show at NATO.

But Mr. Vedrine's cautious tone seemed to reflect an emerging theme in Washington: that Rosovo has revealed major shortcomings in the European allies' readiness to be a full-scale military partner with the United States.

In Kosovo, where 13 of the allies are Force, "it turns out that all F-16s are not equal." a National Security Council official said recently at a closed-door conference in Europe. Indeed, only U.S. warplanes - and only some of them have sufficiently advanced electronics to

be able to operate even in bad weather. When all-weather capabilities are added to size, only the United States has been able to meet NATO commanders' needs when they call for reinforcements the related maner of how far the allies in to esculate the air war. By the end of the Europe can go in modernizing their month, the U.S. share of the air armada will rise to about 70 percent, after starting out below half.

Already, nearly 90 percent of the ord-The decisive fashion in which the nance hitting Serbian targets comes

European allies entered the air war re- from the United States, since none of the flected a new determination among lead- alties have long-range cruise missiles -NATO leaders to start preparations for a credible ground campaign in Kosovo. ers on the Continent after decades in except Britain, which has bought a few, which they had often seemed leery of None of them has bombs directed by the Western leaders' failure to pose even a military action and too concerned about threat of a ground offensive when they domestic problems to risk combat. Global Positioning System, and none of them has attack helicopters such as the

All of this has injected urgency into the NATO plan for an initiative on deder certain conditions, to lend the Euro- fense capabilities, meaning a drive by pean allies the equipment they needed. the European allies to invest more in the emerging electronic technologies for use on the battlefield. The American worry, experts said, is

with ground troops. that the technology gap across the At-After a month in Kosovo, the outlook lantic is widening to the point where the solonger that clear. "The conflict has allies will find it difficult to participate usefully in joint operations. Many Europeans agree with the di-

agnosis. The European Union countries have a defense budget that is 60 percent of the U.S. figure of around \$265 billion a year, a level about right since Europe has no defense responsibilities in Asia or elsewhere.

Only Britain, with its professional army designed for mobility, offers a model of modernization in Europe, and only France, with its spy satellites, has started developing the expensive new technologies. None of the European allies is close to the U.S. level in terms of fusing intelligence with battle management.

Washington, especially the Pentagon. seems increasingly intent on making an issue of European capabilities before letting NATO accept a greater role for

The other question that Kosovo has moved from NATO's future to its present is the alliance's relationship to the Security Council and specifically the mandate question. It had been billed as a contentious problem at the summit meeting, with France resisting any U.S. effort to assert that NATO was entitled to circumvent the Security Council whenever

Russia olocked a Western initiative. Mr. Vedrine said Paris wanted to see that NATO actions remained rooted in the alliance's basic charter, which enshrines Security Council authority. flying combat missions with the U.S. Air France. he said, approved the NATO decision in October to intervene against Serbia, a sovereign state, because overlapping Security Council resolutions

provided the necessary legitimacy.

But, he added. "I think we'll find a basis for agreement in Washington." The phrase seemed to reflect a formula in which the Clinton administration and Paris agreed to say as little as possible to leave open the door for NATO to act pragmatically over future Kosovos.

With NATO engaged in Eumpe's largest war in half a century, the mandate issue, like the long-running debate over whether NATO would operate out of its old area, comprising the territory of its member states, has probably become a matter to be determined by the outcome in Kosovo. Certainly, any outcome less than a clear-cut victory will make it a virtual certainty that the alliance could never again get unanimity on dispensing with the legitimacy conferred by a Security Council resolution.

Similarly, the conflict has created a new context for the summit meeting's expected stance of saying "yes, the door is open to prospective new members while refusing to name any names or give any dates.

Not only closer military cooperation but also economic assistance, potentially on a massive scale, will be under discussion in Washington, where the 19 NATO leaders will have a separate meeting Sunday with the heads of frontline states in the Balkans, a sign of their sudden new importance.

TROOPS: What If Air Strikes Don't Work?

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ding ground troops into Koso "The U.S. would certainly support as a prudent measure any updating of the assessments of the use of ground troops in a permissive and nonpermissive environment," a White House official said.

Informal planning, however, is at best a small step and one that is unlikely to seriously worry President Milosevic.

To make the vague talk of combat troops credible, the alliance needs to start actual military preparations, such as deciding which NATO members would contribute troops, mobilizing and training reserves, persuading nations in the region to make their ports and airfields available and shipping troops and

weapons to the Balkans. It might seem strange that it would take allied nations so long to prepare for conflict in the beart of Europe. But ATO has its own diplomatic rituals.

When the United States prepared for the 1991 Gulf War, it began to send huge numbers of troops and weapons to the region even before its generals had worked out a military plan to evict fraqi soldiers from Kuwait. NATO does not generally work that

way. In principle, there is no reason allied nations could not start preparing troops now for a possible mission in

In fact, many military preparations are unlikely to be made before allied nations formally instruct the NATO commander. General Wesley Clark, to prepare a plan for a ground combat operation, deprocess that has not yet begun.

now, NATO has agreed to send a peacekeeping force of 28,000 troops, a step that can only be taken after an autonomy agreement for Kosovo is worked out and Ir. Milosevic agrees to it.

Even if the political decision to send combat troops into Kosovo is made, the process of getting forces to the Balkans could take six to eight weeks, officials

The logistics would not be easy, Albania is willing to be the staging ground for an attack. But its port, airfields and roads are poor and its terrain mountainous. Macedonia would be more snitable.

But that would mean lining up political support from its government and from Greece, whose port at Salonika would be key. Neither is yet willing to support a land attack

General Clark has told allied leaders that there is no guarantee that the bombing will succeed in breaking the will of the Milosevic regime, diplomats said, Another army man was also careful to emphasize the limits of air power in

forcing foreign dictators to bend to the will of the United States. Just before the Gulf War, General Colin Powell told Congress that he was not about to rely exclusively on air power

to evict Iraqi forces from Kuwait One can hanker down, one can dig in, one can disperse to try to ride out such single-dimension attack," General Powell said. "Such strategies are debate the strategy and then approve it -a signed to hope to win. They are not designed to win.'

KOSOVO: Milosevic's Villa Hit

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with Mr. Clinton, Mr. Solana said of the campaign to force Mr. Milosevic to back down: "There is no donbt, NATO will see this through to the end. We have the means, we have the will."

NATO air power continued to pound away at targets in Yugoslavia, showing an increasing willingness to strike in daylight. Dozens of missiles exploded in the Pristina area, in what the Yugoslav press agency Tanjug said was the fiercest daytime attack there. Missiles also targeted Novi Sad, the second-largest

Yngoslav city, in a rare daytime attack. Refugees continued to stream out of Kosovo, and relief agencies struggled to transport food, water and blankets to thousands stranded near the border.

Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain told President Bill Clinton at a meeting Wednesday that he supported a review of plans for a ground assault. But Britain still believes, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said Thursday in an appearance with Mrs. Albright, "that we are not going to commit ground forces in a A bostile environment.

The missiles that hit Mr. Milosevic's state residence smashed through the two-story building, leaving it a smoking, burned-out shell, according to video released by Serbian television.

A day earlier, missiles hit the Belgrade high-rise building that housed a radio and TV station owned by Mr. Milosevic's daughter Marija, as well as offices of the governing party.

A Yugoslav government spokesman, Goran Matic, called the attack on the Milosevic residence "a criminal act without precedent - an assassination attempt against the president of a sov-

In Jerusalem, the visiting Russian for-The blessing of the entire 19-member alliance would be needed both to approve the plan and to carry it out. Up to But Mr. Bacon said in Washington,

without apology: "We made it very clear from the beginning that the attack was going to get stronger and stronger. "We are targeting the head of this military regime on the one hand," he added. "We're trying to cut that off and break the central nervous system," he

added, alluding to command and control over the military and police. Mr. Milosevic, appearing unaffected by the attack, was seen on Serbian television welcoming Mr. Chemomyrdin, the former Russian prime minister. The two met at length in the presidential White Palace, as air-raid sirens sounded

The alliance expects the air assault to succeed in pushing Serbian forces out of Kosovo and in clearing the way for refugees to return under international protection. But it wants to prepare for a ground assault if one is needed.

Mr. Solana's comment came just as leaders of the 19 alliance members and their 25 partner-countries were assem-bling in Washington. Paris and London are pressing Washington to think seriously about sending troops to Kosovo, even without a peace agreement.

But they and Italy said Thursday that was too soon to discuss troops at the NATO summit meeting, intended as a celebration of the alliance's 50 years.

Meanwhile, Romania's Parliament voted overwhelmingly to grant a NATO request for unrestricted use of its airspace. The Bulgarian Parliament is expected to do the same in coming days.

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Dutch Crash Inquiry Accuses Government

THE HAGUE - A parliamentary inquiry into the Dutch government's handling of the country's worst air disaster accused it Thursday of misleading lawmakers and failing victims by reacting sluggishly to their health

In a 400-page report, the commission that investigated the 1992 crash of an El Al Boeing 747 cargo jet that killed at least 43 people said Parliament too often had been given "unclear, incomplete, tardy or inaccurate information by cabinet ministers.

The inquiry charged that government officials had "failed to pass on crucial information to those with administrative responsibility." Parliament will de-bate the report's fundings next month.

The commission, however, brushed aside claims of a cover-up by saying it had found no evidence of fraud aimed

to make the deadly nerve gas sarin. The 13 percent and the Conservatives 11 commission added that it believed the percent, the newspaper said. (Reuters) flight's entire load had now been accounted for.

exonerated them after years of accusations that they were withholding ev-

Scottish Poll Finds Labour Far Ahead

LONDON — An opinion poll suggests independence-minded nationalists bave no chance of gaining power in next month's historic elections for a new Parliament in Scotland, the Glas- Interfax news agency reported. (AP)

gow-based Herald reported Thursday. The System Three poll showed that Britain's governing Labour Party was For the Record 20 percentage points ahead of the Scottish National Party.

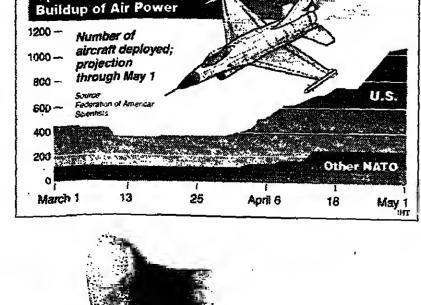
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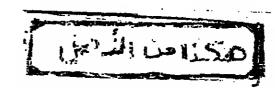
MOSCOW — Communists marked the 129th anniversary of Vladimir Lenin's birth Thursday by laying wreaths outside the mausoleum where his body

is on display.

A few of Lenin's critics, meanwhile, marked the birthday by blowing up a stame of the Soviet Union's founder in the city of Berezovsky in the western Siberian Sverdlovsk region, Russia's

Russian-made S-300 anti-aircraft The poll, the largest and most comprehensive to be carried out in advance sent to the Greek island of Crete, where of the May 6 elections, showed Labour they are to be based under an agree-





Pall of Fear Hangs Over East Timor

Despite Peace Agreement, Survivors of Attack Still Live in Terror

By Mark Dodd

DILI, East Timor — A peace agree-ment signed between East Timor's warring factions has provided a welcome respite to escalating violence in the troubled territory, but survivors of the rampage last weekend by pro-Indonesian paramilitaries continue to live in terror and fear for their lives.

At the Catholic-run Motael clinic in Dili, two young men who survived an attack on the home of the separatist leader Manuel Carrascalae in which 12 people were killed, claim uniformed and plain clothes military personnel were involved in the assault.

Swathed in bandages and lying on a cot, 19-year old Victor, suffering a gan-shot wound to his left leg, machete cuts to his right arm and a knife wound close to his right car told how his friend, Manuelito Carrascalae, the adopted son of the independence activist, was murdered. Both men expressed grave fears for their safety and the safety of their families despite the peace deal signed Wednesday.

On Saturday afternoon, more than 100 militarran strawed the Carraccalan

militiamen stormed the Carrascalao compound supported by the armed forces, the ABRI, Victor said.

He said the militia first demanded to know where any guns were hidden be-fore they started their looting and killing victor said: "Suddenly the pro-in-

Impasse Lifts

months and its third in three years

on Wednesday that she had that number

of supporters and would provide proof

of her ability to form a government

within two days.

Mr. Narayanan must decide whether

to invite any of the political formations to take a shot at forming a government or order the country's third elections in as

Arjun Singh, a Congress Party spokesman, said. There will be no

election; we are quite confident that we

will show our majority."

Jayaram Jayalalitha and her All-India
Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazagham
Party from Tamil Nadu pledged its
support Thursday to a Congress Partyled government. The powerful regional

party brought on the downfall of the latest government by pulling out of Mr. Vajpayee's 13-month-old coalition.
Mr. Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata Party meanwhile is acadim.

Party, meanwhile, is seeking an un-precedented second invitation to rule in

the same Parliament and claims the

support of 270 deputies.
Lawmakers briefly set aside their

wrangling Thursday to pass the country's annual budget in a matter of minutes. But political concerns continued to depress markets, with the Bombay Stock Exchange's benchmark

index ending 1.61 percent lower.

The nagging concern in New Delhi is that even a fresh poll is unlikely to yield

a clear mandate for any one party.

"It is still not clear," a U.S. diplomat
said, "that an election would give a

M Upper-Caste Militia Kills 12

Gurmen believed to be members of an outlawed upper-caste militia killed 12 low-caste villagers in the eastern state of Bihar, the police said Thursday.

The attack took place Villagers in the Gaya district, 80 kilometers (50 miles) southeast of Patna, the state capital, Reuters reported from Belaganj. Witnesses said about 100 armed men of the group Ranvir Sena surrounded the low-caste hamlets of Zahirbigha and Khagribigha and started firing indiscriminately. Nine people were killed in Zahirbigha and three in Khagribigha in the intest villalence linked to caste animosities.

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Sena, said Neelmani, inspector-gen-

eral of the state police. The inspector.

general said the attack was the militia's first in the Gaya area.

tegration people with their traditional weapons came into the house. They were destroying everything, destroying everything. Then they began killing the people — many victims from Maubara.

"I was there when Manuelite died."

Victor said the militiamen took Manuelito outside. "Some of them used traditional guns to kill him. First they shot him so he could not escape then the pro-integration militia used traditional guns to kill him."

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He dealed claims by pro-integration spokesman, Basillio Araujo, that supporters of an autonomy deal with Indonesia were being held hostage in the house.

"It's not true — that's a stupid claim," he said. He charged that Indonesian soldiers were present when Manuelito was mardered and said they were dressed in black Ninja uniforms with their faces covered. with their faces covered.

"Because they were hiding their faces, we know they were Indonesian soldiers," he said. Senior Indonesian police officers said 12 bodies were later recovered from the house

Victor's account was backed by another victim, Alfredo, also 19. Alfredo was shot in the back and is suffering a severe chest wound, according to doctors at the clinic. Speaking with difficulty, he said Thursday that he was in the Carrascalao house when 11 people were killed there.

As many as 30 people were killed in nd around Dili on Saturday. Dozens more were wounded, while several hundred local people have fled into mountains or remain missing.

Almost all of the political leadership

of the pro-independence movement or their supporters have gone into hiding or fled Dili for fear of further revenge attacks by pro-Indonesian paramilitaries. Human rights organizations and two

newspaper offices were also targeted by the pro-Indonesia militiamen. Violence in the former Portuguese colony annexed by Indonesia in 1976 after an invasion the previous year has

escalated drastically in recent months ahead of a scheduled United Nationssupervised ballot in July for self-de-

termination.

Analysts say the majority of East Timor's 800,000 people will opt for independence and reject an autonomy deal from Jakarta. However, pro-integration militias backed by the ABRI have recently begun a series of violent attacks against suspected separatist strongholds in order to delay or cancel the ballot.

On Wednesday, leaders of the proand anti-independence factions signed a peace accord in Dill officiated by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Bishop Carlos Belo, and the Indonesian armed

los Belo, and the Indonesian armed forces chief, General Wiranto; but an absence of any commitment for either party to disarm has dimmed hopes of a

caningful or lasting peace. Victor said he saw uniformed soldiers among the attackers. Asked whether were police or army he answered



Abdul Rahim Noor leaving court

Former Police Chief Indicted In Beating of Anwar in Jail

KUALA LUMPUR - The former Malaysian police chief was indicted Thursday in the beating of former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who was being held in custody blind-folded and bandcuffed.

Abdul Rahim Noor, who resigned in January and admitted in February to having hit Mr. Anwar, was charged with trying to cause grievoos harm to the political leader. Mr. Rahim Is the first former police chief in Malaysia to face criminal action.

The beating of Mr. Anwar last September, who was sentenced last week to six years jail for corruption, set off international outrage.
Prime Minister Mahathir bin Moha-

in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, mad said Thursday that, despite the in-

dictment of Mr. Rahim, he and Malaysia would soll be criticized. Mr. Rahim eotered a plea of not guilty

in the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court. The charge carries a maximum pun-ishment of three years in jail and a fine set by the court. His attorney, K. Kumarendran, said a

medical report on Mr. Anwar's injuries showed "simple harm" and therefore the former police chief should be in-dicted under a lesser charge that carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a 2,000 ringgit (\$525) fine.

He said grievous harm would have blinded or maimed Mr. Anwar.

The judge allowed Mr. Rahim to remain free without bail pending trial. The court was to meet on May 21 to consider

A Campaign to Restore Tojo's Image

Japan's Wartime Leader Was a Hero, Granddaughter Asserts

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

TOKYO - Yuko Tojo stiffens in her chair as she recalls how her beloved grandpa vanished at the end of World War II and her mother eventually told her that he had been killed on the

Then, when she was in the fifth grade, she moved to Tokyo from the remote village where she had been sheltered during the war and its aftermath, and the other children teased her by making faces as if they were being strangled. She did not understand, and her mother would not explain.

She heard the mysterious word kashukei whispered about her grandfather, and so football to the leaked up the word finally she looked up the word in a picture dictionary. It meant "to be hanged to death," and the dictionary included a picture of a man in a black hood being hanged from a gallows, Suddenly ev-

erything became clear.
Now, 50 years after a U.S.-backed tribunal hanged her grandfather, General Hideki Tojo, as a war criminal — he was Japan's wartime prime minister and the man who ordered the attack on Pearl Harbor -- Mrs. Tojo is leadhas been remarkably successpublic support in Japan for her portrayal of General Tojo as a national hero. year. An ing a

"He died for his country. she said firmly in an interview in the building where she keeps an office to fight for his memory. "He died to save his sold 550,000 copies so far. It

Mrs. Tojo, 59, spoke on the sofas in the lobby of the building, steadfastly refusing repeated suggestions that her office might be more interesting for an interview, and she was accompanied by a burly man, her aide, who towered over ber but ran about on her instructions to fetch tea and newspaper clip-

pings.
Mrs. Tojo's campaign is part of a larger struggle by Japanese conservatives to change the way Japan per-ceives its past, so that chil-dren can feel pride rather than shame for what their grandparents and great-grandparents did in the war.

The issues are extremely sensitive both within Japan and among neighboring countries — where millions died during the Japanese invasions and brutal occupations — but there is little doubt that it is becoming more acceptable than ever before to say openly in Japan that General Tojo was a great man or that Japan had no choice but to attack Pearl Har-

"This isn't a private matter about my grandpa," Mrs. Tojo said, somehow managing to speak both primly and passionately. "To improve the image of Tojo is to improve the image of war
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People always talk about Hitler and Tojo in the same breath. But they were utterly different. Hitler murdered the Jews, but Tojo didn't kill his own people.'

own people,
"Japan was encircled by time Japan, and that's my

Mrs. Tojo first stepped into the limelight a few years ago. writing a book about her grandfather that became a she added. "So General Tojo, best seller; with 100,000 copies sold. Then there was a his people, had to resort to movie, "Pride," which poring a campaign to revise his trayed General Tojo as a image. lo just a few years, she gentle hero and was the

> Another sign of the growing assertiveness of the revisionist movement was the portrays General Tojo as try-ing "to protect the hooor of Japan" and argues that the root cause of World War II was that white people were colonizing Asia and that the United States was provoking

> "Some Asian country had to stand up against Western white imperialism," the book declares. "And Japan did."

Just this mooth, Tokyo voters elected as their new governor Shintaro Ishihara, an outspoken nationalist who has denounced as "a lie" the Rape of Nanking — an assault on the Chinese city by Japanese troops in 1937 in which, most historians believe, tens of thousands died.

"With the United States occupation after the war. there was mind control over the Japanese people about their history, and only now is the mind cootrol being lifted." Mrs. Tojo said. "Now is the first time that

many people are learning the real history of Japan. Leaning forward in her chair, putting down her canned tea, Mrs. Tojo suddenly grew even more in-

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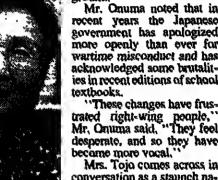
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desperate, and so they have became more vocal. Mrs. Tojo comes across in conversation as a staunch nationalist, but not as particuarly anti-American, Indeed. she recently returned from a trip to the United States. where she visited Pearl Har-

bor to pay her respects to those killed in the 1941 attack. She also dropped off her daughter, who is studying English in Scattle. It might seem odd for General Tojo's great-granddaughter to be studying

in the country that he at-But Mrs. Tojo says that the general's dying wish, ex-pressed in writings to his fam-

ily members, was to have reconciliation among the wartime enemies and some kind of joint memorial service. For now, Mrs. Tojo is plan-ning to continue her cam-

paign to restore her grandgentle hero and was the tory does not find many fol-bighest-grossing Japanese lowers elsewhere in Asia, and movie in the first half of last some Chinese and Koreans would portray the truth of the worry that Japanese denials of wartime atrocities moan war as she sees it. She says her campaign is inspired by her mother's counsel when Mrs. Tojo was a girl and no one would play with her because of her family name.

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An activist carrying a picture of Wang Dan, the student leader who went into exile a year ago, during a protest Thursday in Hong Kong.

China Denies Theft Of U.S. Technology

BELLING -- China denied Thursday that its spies had posched entringedge U.S. nuclear technology that American intelligence officials say will help Beijing upgrade its strategic

The Chinese government has never engaged in their of U.S. military or nuclear technology," said the For-eign Ministry spokesman, Sun Yuxi. Reacting to a new U.S. intelligence report on the alleged theft, Mr. Sun also said he regretted criticism from what he called "responsible depart-

Regarding what he called the "ru-mor" that China had stolen U.S. milltary and nuclear technology, "we have already refuted these allegations as groundless and irresponsible," Mr.

Sun said. "Irresponsible reports by responsible departments are even more regretful," the official added. (Reuters)

Hong Kong Assailed Over Bar on Exiles

HONG KONG — Pro-democracy activists accused the government Thursday of bowing to pressure from Beijing in barring 11 prominent Chinese dissidents from Hong Kong. A small band of activists waved

banners and shouted in front of government headquarters against the decision to deny entry visas to the dis-sidents. The exiles, including Wang Dan and Wei Jingsheng, were seeking to attend a seminar on Chinese democracy May 1 in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the crackdown on student-led protests in Tiananmen

Square.
The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Democratic Movements in China said the rejection cast doubts on ciple by which China had pledged to Jigme Singye Wangchuk.

govern Hong Kong. But a lawmaker said there were reasons for the government action. "I am afraid that the political reality is that we have to give preference to stability, and obviously that is what the Hong Kong government is thinking of," said Tsang Yok-shing, a legislator from a pro-Chipa party. (Reuters)

10,000 Unionists Protest in Seoul

SEOUL -- More than 10,000 unioo workers rallied Thursday to demand a halt in layoffs despite government threats that force would be used to break up illegal strikes spread-

government would not rule out the possibility of sending in riot police to end the strikes forcibly and arrest 66 union leaders.

sitched tents and set op barricades to try to prolong their sit-in strike.

Thousands of Seoul subway unioo

across the country. Labor Minister Lee Ki Ho said the

About 6,000 union workers have occupied Myongdong Cathedral and Seoul National University and have

workers, protesting government plans to lay off more than 2,000 of the work force of 11,492, refused to return to work despite threats they would be fired partly paralyzing one of Sooth Korea's primary transportation systems. (AFP)

Bhutan Joins TV Age

NEW DELHI - Bbutan is ending its ban on television and starting its own network, finally lowering its guard against nutside influence in the remote Buddhist kingdom.
Broadcasting will begin June 2, but

initially only in the capital, Thimbu, a city of 40,000 residents, according to the weekly Kuensel, Bhutan's only newspaper. That date marks the 25th the "one country, two systems" prin- anniversary of the coronation of King

EDITORIALS/OPINION

The School Slayings

How Many More?

The unspeakable horror that rocked Columbine High School in Liuleton. Colurado, on Tuesday has shaken Americans everywhere. It is not because this bloody afternoon of terror in a school is a new story but because it is all too painfully familiar. The carnage in this instance was exceptional, but gunfire has taken young lives and scarred still others in schools across the United States. Again, as hearts open to a shattered community. the groping for explanations resumes apace - at this point with more generalizations than hard findings.

Certainly every society has among its youth disaffected outcasts, rebels and children prone to violence. The early warning systems are not that sophisticated either. Parents can and should be on the lookout for errauc behavior and for ways to address it effectively. Teachers, too, often can detect troubled kids before they explode. Crisis intervention and conflict resolution programs do seem to have made inroads in certain school systems. Less is known about the effects of violence in the culture — the

no-grisly-holds-barred blood and guts in some of the movies and the music

Beyond all this, however, is one devastation fact of American life that has empowered young people in a terrifying dimeosion: the outlandishly easy access to lethal fitepower. How else could two high school students terrorize their world, kill and maim many classmates and then do themselves in so efficiently? Outcasts seeking attention get it when they are armed and trigger-happy. Kids who "feel a need to strike out at society" can do it dramatically with

real bombs and bullets. The gross national arsenal of America is notorious worldwide. It emboldens the young in rural as well as urban settings and from all social

Law enforcement authorities those on the front lines -- continue to urge more attention to public safety. as do voters in more and more states. How many more tragedies like this one in Colorado musi it take for the country to stop feeding firepower so freely to its youth?

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Seeking Motives

On the screen, the images are too familiar -- emergency personnel bent double in concentration, anguished parents, weeping, puzzled and wounded students, the ordinary buildings of a school that is no longer ordinary, With the first reports of a shooting like the ooe that occurred in Littleton, Colorado, on Tuesday morn-ing, a mental accounting begins, an effort to tally the reasons, or the absence of reason, that lie behind such a pitiless event, Reporters ask questions about motive, scarcely differing from students and pareots in this respect, and those questions contain the unstated hope that a predominant motive will emerge, a cause that somehow encapsulates the tragedy and allows it to be set apart from everyday life.

One young mother, whose son stood unharmed beside her, talked on television Wednesday moming about hav-ing moved to Littleton in the hope that she and her family would find safety there. What her words imply is the common faith that a kind of town exists where violence is unheard of, a place so nice, so ordinary, that children are inherendy safe. But the American faith in exceptionalism — that it cannot hap-pen here, not in this kind of town, not in this country — is a misplaced faith.

Once, it was urban schools that seemed uniquely dangerous, for reasons that appeared untransportable to middle-class Rocky Mountain suburbs such as Littleton.

But whatever was local in the motives of the suspects, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, is offset by an array of contributory causes that are not local. The difference in preventing another tragedy like the one at Littleton.

When it comes to guns, a strong and morally persuasive argument for con-But whatever was local in the that are universal in modern America.

One of the boys maintained a personal Web site, since removed by America Online, espousing an addled philosophy of violence and containing

instructions for building pipe bombs. Both boys appear to have been fond of violent computer games and the music of Marilyn Manson. And both found guns all too easy to come by. The cultural fragments out of which they invented themselves, and their deaths. are now ubiquitous in every commu-nity, urban, suburban and rural. What matters is not the fragments but how

they were combined. Most of us remember all too vividly the way high school felt. It is a rare teenager who has never experienced a sense of alienation or dislocation at school. But the cultural map of high school has changed. The domain of fantasy bus been enormously enlarged because the tools to gratify a life of fantasy — the Internet and computer games, in particular — have been spectacularly enhanced.

Whether or not hate-sites and visually violent games actually induce violence, they do offer a place to hide that often makes it barder to tell just where an imperiled student, like Eric Harris or Dylan Klebold, actually keeps his head, It is always hard for people with a clear grasp of reality to see the ways that reality bends in minds as evidently muddled and self-isolating as their trees.

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It will be tempting to explain this tragedy through one of a number of lenses, to argue that the problem here is guns or Hollywood or the Internet or music. It will be tempting to think that the proscription or control of one or another of these elements will make

trol can be made. But it is not what you keep from a child that will save him, nor what town you move him to. It is what you put into him in the first place.

Aid for Central America

with the president's request for emergeocy funds to carry out the military operation to Kosovo. That is as it should be; the necessary funds ought to be granted with dispatch. But in the process Congress should not oeglect the other emergency request that unfortunately is still before it: a request for humanitarian aid that has become a pawn in a fight over fiscal virtue.

President Bill Clinton asked this year for about \$1 billion to aid the Central American countries decimated last year by the hurricane designated Mitch. There are all kinds of reasons for giving the aid, including the maintenance of economic and social stability in the affected countries and the prevention of an increase in illegal immigration to the United States. The need is not much disputed in Congress. But the bill has been caught up in a showy budget skirmish.

Under the rules, emergency appropriations do not have to be offset by savings elsewhere in the budget.

The U.S. Congress is preoccupied of that provision to increase appropriations well beyond what the rules supposedly allowed; they simply labeled as "emergency" a lot of appropriations that were routine. This year Republicans said no more and, to prove their determination, went too far in the opposite direction. They insisted on offsetting the Central American aid and chose as offsets some items to which they knew the admin-

istration would object. Presto: a superficial political fight, the main effect of which was to bold up aid that should have been routinely granted. Already, some of the money will be too late to have maximum good effect. This bill needs to be cleaned up and passed in a form the president can in good conscience sign. There has been some talk of combining the two bills. That seems a good idea only if it will hasten passage of the overdue first appropriation. The Kosovo bill will take care of itself. The Central American bill, which ought to be so simple,

seems to need a little help.

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A Stronger Europe Will Ensure a Stronger NATO

WASHINGTON — In a speech in Amsterdam in 1948, amidst the tattered debris of postwar Europe, Winston Churchill proclaimed the goal of "a United Europe whose moral conceptions will win respect and whose physical strength will be such that none will dare molest her tranquil sway."

Fifty years later, bis successor. Prime Minister Tony Blair, called upon Europe to move toward the realization of that strength by creating a European defense capability within the NATO alliance. That step, along with expand-ing NATO's current defeose capabilities, will prepare the Atlantic alliance to meet the challenges of a new century.

As NATO leaders gather in Washington to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the alliance, we face our most difficult moral and physical test of the post-Cold War world: the human tragedy of Kosovo. On the rocky hillsides of that ancient land we have encountered a reprise of the darkest momeots of European history: women and children forced onto railcars for deportation, husbands and brothers last seen kneeling in rows, whole vislages reduced to ash by the searing flames of hatred — all in the name of "ethnic purity."

At the same time, we have also seen Europe at its best. Nineteen NATO democracies that did not turn away from the cries of the victims, that have taken strong and resolute action and that mustered the will necessary to confront the evil and destabilizing forces of our time,

Kosovo reminds us that European security challenges deserve solutions in which Europe can play a leading role. The European Union is a strong and growing economic force and tions capabilities, logistical support should aspire to be a posent voice in European diplomatic and military mat-

ters as well. To achieve this goal, Europe should continue to pursue a European security and defense identity within NATO. That will enable America's European allies to make a more effective contribution to missions and activities of the alliance and to act when NATO as a whole chooses not to be engaged. Such 'separable but not separate' forces should enhance European military ca-pabilities without undermining NATO unity or diverting European energies away from NATO.

In many ways, of course, Europe is al services.

By William S. Cohen The writer is U.S. secretary of defense.

already deeply engaged in NATO's security challenges. Europe provides about four-fifths of NATO forces in Bosnia and almost all alliance forces Thirteen allies are participating in air operations in and around Kosovo. Germany took the historic step of sending planes into combat for the first time in alliance history.

Nevertheless, as Mr. Blair has recognized. Europe needs to do even more. While Kosovo has been a full alliance undertaking, shortcomings in European defense capabilities have meant that some aspects of our operations have been exclusively American. For instance, wheo cloud cover obscured targets in Yagoslavia, it was mostly U.S. aircraft that had the tech-

nology to operate successfully.

The NATO meeting in Washington this weekend, the Western European Union meeting in May and the EU summit talks in Cologne in June will all provide opportunities for Europe to strengthen its defense capabilities. As Defense Secretary George Robertson of Britain has said. "Our ultimate aim is not so much a European security and defense identity but something altogether more ambitious - namely a European defense capability.

To realize that potential. European nations should consider jointly obtaining the tools necessary to develop the command, control and communica-

Europe must also recognize that a credible military force requires strategic investment, reallocation of resources, regular upgrading of equipment, research and development, and restructuring to generate funds for

new priorities.
With smarter spending, allies can do more without it necessarily costing more, Just by using the private sector to perform selected tasks in Bosnia, the United States has been able to free up troops for more pressing duties, reduce overhead and provide addition-

There are those who wonder whether

the United States will welcome a strooger, more confident Europe on the world stage. The United States now in Macedonia. Of the relief believes that a stronger Europe means provided by NATO, the European al- a stronger partner in the pursuit of lies are also supplying 90 percent of our common interests and values. We shelter and medical supplies and two- have supported a united Europe for thirds of the food for Kosovar refugees. more than half a century for the very reason that a stronger Europe means a stronger NATO.

Kosovo also reminds us that the future will bring new challenges to our core mission of collective defense. An enemy empire no longer threatens to send armored columns into alliance territory, but the new century does present very real threats. Terrorism, in all its manifestly evil forms - cyber, chemical, biological and nuclear - is destined to present challenges equal to those of the Cold War. It is equally clear that the instability generated by rekindled ethnic hatreds threatens our

NATO's success will rest on its ability to create a 21st century force that is designed, equipped and prepared for 21st century missions.

common security interests and shared

It would be folly to sit within our borders and simply wait for these evils to befall our people — for terrorists to strike at our cities, for deadly germs to be delivered into our streets, for the chaos of a Kosovo to spread to our member states. As our British colleagues have noted, we must be prepared and "go to the crisis before the crisis comes to us."

NATO's very success as an alliance will rest in no small measure on our ability to create a 21st century force that is designed, equipped and prepared for 21st century missions. Allied forces must be mobile enough to "go to the crisis"; sustainable enough to conduct prolonged operations under austere circurnstances; survivable enough to de-fend against terrorist, chemical, bio-

logical and electronic attacks; and able to effectively engage enemy forces by providing a milored response to the mission at hand.

Individually, many allies are making progress in transforming their militaries to meet the missions of the future. Collectively, we must make NATO even more effective.

At the Washington summit meeting, allied leaders will endorse the Defense Capabilities Initiative to transform afliance military capabilities to meet the challenges ahead.

Through that initiative we will craft a common NATO command, control and communication architecture over the next few years and, as a result, will have a coordinated, integrated means to communicate among nations for the first time. NATO will implement a Multinational Joint Logistic Center to ensure that the right supplies get to the right place at the right time. We will improve sea and airlift capabilities so that allies can respond more quickly to crisis situations. We will develop technologies and tactics to core with threats from historics. to cope with threats from biological and chemical weapons, terrorism and

electronic attacks. Our objectives, bowever, are achiev. able only if NATO musters the political will to capitalize on the momentum of the summit meeting to make tangible progress. We must each be prepared to work smarter and deliver on our promises to improve our forces and capa-bilities. We must embrace creative solutions that give our forces the training and tools they need to face the allenges ahead.

In that same speech in Amsterdam, Churchill said: "It is against tyranny, in all its forms, ancient or modem, new or old, that we take our stand, Tyranny presents itself in various forms but it is always the same, whatever slogans it utters [...]. It is always the same and makes a demand on all free men to risk and do all in their power to withstand it."

Our alliance, created to oppose tyranny in the first tense days of the Cold War, concludes its first half-century by again standing up to a tyrant. Our ability to carry on this noble und necessary work in the future rests on our capacity to transform our defense capabilities to address the challenges silhouetted on the horizon.

International Herald Tribune.

The Alliance Must Look to Europe for Leadership on Kosovo

WASHINGTON — A mooth of bombing in the Balkans bas brought out the

war inside a country controlled by a .bloodthirsty dictator. President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia seems constantly to be a jump ahead of NATO's bureaucracybound commanders, whose

victims of the heartless Serbian offensive. The summit meeting offers the alliance's North American and West European members a chance to cut through the bureaucratic tangles that have plagued drawing up target ists, planning for the use of ground troops, stationing Apache helicopters in theater, imposing an oil embargo and other politically sensitive steps

By Jim Hoagland

best and the worst in NATO as the 19-nation alliance moves toward its 50th anniversary summit meeting in Washington this weekend. The event will show that there is life Clinton, the summit host. This beyond the Cold War for is his best opportunity to con-NATO, but that it will be a vince the Europeans, Ameri-MATO that that will be difficult existence.

Not surprisingly, the organization turns out to be poorly designed to conduct a small risky for the alliance.

After this weekend, military efficiency should no longer be subordinated to political considerations that have given Mr. Clinton smooth sailing to a remarkably unified gathering here, but let Mr. Milosevic slowness in adjusting tactics have his way in the now and strategy is paid for in agony by the ethnic Albanian province of Kosovo. have his way in the now

Throughout its history, NATO has been a means of achieving goals — not an end in itself. The spreading sense of early ineffectiveness by NATO in the monthlong battle for Kosovo demonstrates the urgent need for the leaders to bring the alliance back to the unexalted but vital status of being a tool for stability

in Europe.

that bave been blocked or a value greater than the se-: curity the organization can de-liver. NATO should out be treated in the almost mystical terms of glorification occasionally employed by Mr. Clinton and his aides, usually in self-serving attempts, to

> this president's legacy. Atlantic values and heritage that NATO bas come to embody over the past half-cen- pean security themselves. tury. It is those common values, and not diplomatic horsetrading in Brussels, that sustain an impressive sense of unity

on Kosovo. Public opinion polls show. support for the air campaign at percent or more in the United States, Britain, France, Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Mr. Clinton has a stronger hand to play in overcoming bureaucratic or political resistance from some of his partners than be seems to be prepared to use.

Driving refugees across the border in this appalling act of inhumanity immediately

Prime Minister Tony Blair told me in a presummit interview. That opm-: ion ''quickly became certain about the justification'' for the war, he said. "The questions people ask now are about efficacy. They want to be sure that we are going to be effective." This comment echoes a sim-

claim expansion and revital- ilarly practical, unsentimental ization of the alliance as part of view taken by the Freoch presmore responsibility for Euro-Mr. Chirac's strong oppo-

sition to any celebration at the summit meeting while NATO is at war helped persuade the U.S. administration to ditch plans for a black-tie gala. The French president has let it be known that he may skip the Saturday night leadership dinner at the White House in any case. He will make polite excuses, but the point for him is to emphasize that the Washington meeting is about resolving the Kosovo crisis.

Although France is not a member of NATO's integrated military command. Freoch aircraft have been taking part in NATO unity does not have solidified European public the raids on Kosovo with

have questioned not French involvement in the war, but Paris being content to play second fiddle to Washington. Even in Greece, where pub-

strong public approval. Critics

Serb, the government is careful to cooperate fully with NATO and make its bases and facilities available to the war effort. Greece and Italy, also restive, ident, Jacques Chirac, who has have pledged bumanitarian What Kosovo shows is the been purshing with Mr. Blair and logistical support but natural strength of the trans- an effort to lead NATO's Euro- would not be expected to send pean members in taking on troops to take part in a NATO ground attack.

The United States for reasons of history and of power bosts and leads this summit meeting. But this is the time for Europe to take on more responsibility for European stability, in the ways Mr. Blair and Mr. Chirac have begun to trace, and for the United States to welcome that development. A regional solution for the

Balkans - underwritten by European Union funds, policed by a peacekeeping force that is in its majority European and strongly backed by a new U.S. openness to a new Enropean defense identity offers the best path out of the Kosovo crisis.

The Washington Past.

It's a Crazy Society That Allows Its Young to Be Armed

WASHINGTON — On the radio. I heard a disk jockey wonder if the Colorado school tragedy was somehow the result of day care — parents working too much. I heard an-

other person say something about the Gothic cult and the stories coming out of Littleton:

The school had no metal defact remains that we may never know what caused two kids to go so berserk. We do know, though. that no matter what influenced them, they had guns. This is how they did the killing.

The conclusion is so obvious change in location and the numwhat I wrote after the last school slaughter, the one at Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon, last May. Yet it bears repeating: The constitutional right to bear arms cannot -- and was never intended - to apply to screwed-up high school kids with a Wagnerian bent. They in the U.S. Constitution, "a well-

regulated militia." The National Rifle Association and like-minded groups will say that the tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, is an anomaly - the sort of thing that happens rarely, although when it By Richard Cohen

well, they will seem to bave a

happened. Pick your theory. The roaming the hallways. In some accounts, the lack of security was reported in a can-you-believe-it? tone of voice. But in a different era, that tone of voice itself would have been inexplicable. Time was in America wheo no high school, no public that I besitate to state it. Given a building whatever, had metal detectors. We could amble into ber of fatalities, it is more or less any building we wanted with anything we wanted. We were

not always so afraid of guns. But we are now. The Littleton episode is just the most recent ones at Springfield, Jonesboro, Edinboro and Fayetteville, Paducah, Pearl and Bethel. These are bucolic names seemingly about railroads and their quaint stops. But they are places where gups got into the bands of crazy kids and tragedy resulted. That is always the bottom line: guns them, we are told - and they

combustible mixture. New York City and much of does it attracts lots of anention. the United States are now mull-teenagers? The cult, the rev-They have a point. They will say ing over the death in February of erence for Hider, the weird garb also that the occasional abuse of Amadou Diallo, a West African and the dark fascination with

a right is no cause to repeal that immigrant shot 19 times by the right for the rest of us. In this, as police. It was a mistake. He was unarmed, but the police purportedly thought he had a gun. The tragedy has produced a na-tional debate about the role of the police, and specifically in New York, the city's vaunted Street Crime Unit. Its job is simple: Get

To an amazing degree, New York bas done so. In 1992 the city had 2,200 murders. In 1998 it had 600. Undoubtedly, many factors account for those happy numbers, but certainly one is the work of the Street Crime Unit. Alone it accounted for 40 percent of the guns seized by the police in New York.

Take a gun and you abort a crime. Stop a suspect, find a gun, and you have deterred crime, school massacre. Recall the maybe a murder. The fewer the guns, the fewer the violent crimes and, almost certainly, the fewer the murders. Get the guns off the streets and the streets are with Great Britain. no way comprise that phrase in lifted out of some 1940s song safer. Guns do not protect us: guns threaten us. No one holds up a bank with a knife.

America is a society awash with guns - 222 million of and kids. It is a dangerous, are forever falling into the wrong hands. What is a Goth? What goes on in the heads of

things. But at bottom, we are talking about teenagers, of years we all knew, of mini-cultures that are a bit crazy, where emotional extremes are common,

death are so alien that to most of where losers think they can turn us it seems we are being told of into winners by killing thema faraway place, an alien culture selves. To the young, suicide where weird people do weird has a romantic aura.

To be young is, often, to be a bit crazy. For us to allow young people to be armed to boot makes us all a bit crazy, too. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1899: Italy's Allies ROME - The visit of the

French and Italian squadrons to Italian waters has given rise to a great deal of discussion regard-ing the relations of Italy to France and Great Britain respectively. There is general satisfaction at the improved political and commercial relations with France, But the large majority of the Italian people have no desire to modify the policy which is based on the Triple Alliance and

1924: Coolidge's Policy.

the close traditional friendship

NEW YORK - A new declaration of the policy of the United States toward Europe was made by President Coolidge. He expressed the wish that America play its part in the rebabilitation of Europe, by extending a loan to Ger-many. The President announced

that he stood ready to summon the Powers to a new conference on the further reduction of armaments. The chief Executive bespoke on behalf of the United States a disposition to aid wherever aid would be valuable to America's neighbors.

1949: Socialist Award MOSCOW - Four decrees

were issued fixing the goals which agricoltural workers must reach to win high Soviet orders. Six different awards will be issued to stimulate fulfillment of the three-year plan to boost dairy and livestock production. Hero of Socialist Labor, the highest award, will be conferred on individuals of collective and state farms which over-fulfill the year's quota by 50 per cent; the Order of Lenin for over-fulfilling by 30 per cent; the Order of the Red Banner of Labor for 20 per cent and medals for 10 per cent.

OPINION/LETTERS

Closing a Colonial Divide **Holds Hope for Africa**

By Flora Lewis

ONDON - One hundred years ago, Britain and France reached agreement on dividing up spheres of influence in Africa, resolving an angry confrontation that came near to provoking major war between them. Both have given up their colonies in Africa since World War II, but until now the division established after what came to be called the "Fashoda incident" pretty much separated French and English speaking Africa, maintaining the old sus-picions and rivalries of the co-

Fashoda, in Sudan, was where armed forces of the two powers met in 1898 and decided not to fight, after all, because of growing fears of a possible war with Germany. In March 1899, the two governments agreed to trim their conflicting territorial amhitions and accept the watershed of the . Nile and the Congo as the frontier of their push for dominance.

Last month, the foreign ministers of Britain and France conducted a joint meeting of their ambassadors to Africa in Ahidjan, the capital of Ivory Coast, and promised to harmonize their policies in Africa. They even intend to share embassies and ambassadors in some countries.

Not much noticed elsewbere, it was truly a turning point in his-

Britain and France have pledged to harmonize their. African policies.

tory. The British foreign minister. Robin Cook, put the accord in the context of last December's British-French summit declaration in Saint-Malo, France, where the two countries pledged to work together to achieve the European Union's ambition of common foreign and security policies, CFSP. in the Eurocratic jargon, remains a lot more rhetoric than reality. But there is a new rapprochement be-tween France and Britain, which can make an important difference in European decisions,

According to Mr. Cook, there are three main French-Britisb ob-jectives in African policy. The first into deeds in Africa. It is welcome is stability, which means trying to news. keep peace, possibly intervening

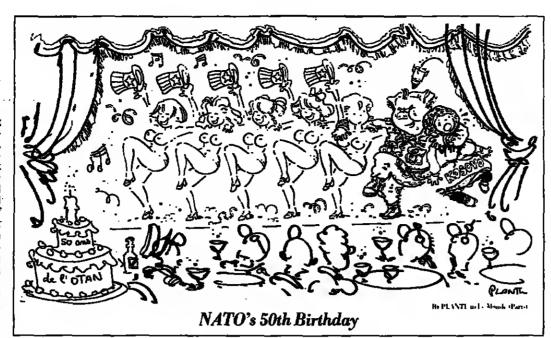
to settle disputes and coordinating positions in the UN Security Council. The second is development, which includes combining their influence to relieve Africa's debt burden, supporting its needs in the International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization and seeking to increase the effect of their national aid for development programs by consolidating them with the EU. And the third is support for democracy, which can mean joint political pressure on African dictators or coup-makers.

At a time when all the headlines are about war in Europe, the final elimination of an old rivalry in Africa has not attracted much attention. But times are sure to come when violence and human borror in Africa again surpass the level of Western indifference and com-mand headlines. If Britain and France have reached the point of a quick joint response, it can be a hig help in preventing another ca-tastrophe like the one in Rwanda.

The Ivory Coast president, Konan-Bédié, said the French-British policy was particularly welcome because it would encourage African governments to bridge the divide between former colonies. As a symbol of equal status, the British and French foreign ministers met in English-speaking Ghana before their diplomatic convocation in francophone Ivory Coast.

Their communiqué said that in addition to exchanging information and coordinating the work of their missions in Africa, the two countries would try to promote subregional integration between the existing networks of English and French-speaking states. Both acknowledged that it had ot been an easy move.

'Of course, we can't agree on everything. " said the French foreign minister, Hubert Védrine. Let's be frank, " said Mr. Cook. "Britain and France have not always loved each other tenderly in Africa ... But we are at the start of a new century, an era when nations can no longer protect their interests by remaining apart. Their power and their influence will be determined by the solidity of their ties with their allies and partners."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obsession With Guns

In Response to the report "Slayings of 15 at School Shock America" (April 22): The darkest depth of the Amer-

ican psyche is its obsession with guns. This social psychosis causes, with nauseating frequency and painful predictability, tragedies like the one in Colorado. In the late '70s, I was a deputy

district attorney in a Colorado jurisdiction next to Littleton, where the latest school killings occurred. I tried a woman charged with negligent homicide stemming from the fatal sbooting of her busband. They bad been playing in bed with a loaded revolver, spinning it on their fingers. The gun went off. Her defense was that this was their form of foreplay. A jury acquitted her. How many more needless deaths will it take for Americans to realize that their 'right to bear arms' is anachronistic and an-archistic. How many "Gothic games" before they learn that the real dragon they must slay is the

National Rifle Association? PAUL KORDA. Mevasseret Zion. Israel.

My generation has been raised by strangers in day-care centers and desensitized by daily scenes of violence on television. The problem will not be solved hy stiffer penalties. It will only be solved by stronger love.

If Bombing Fails ...

As a worker in Vietnam for a Swedish-funded project aimed at repairing some of the long-lasting damage wrought on this country by the United States. I am saddened that for Western policymakers the only apparent lesson of the Vietnam War was to avoid

deployment of ground troops.

How much bravery does it take to dispatch men on bombing runs, protected by billions of dollars worth of technology? The real story is on the ground, where Serbian forces are annihilating the male population of ethnic Albanians

and uprooting the rest.

I deplore the actions of the
United States and NATO, and I
commend the prime minister of Russia for going to Belgrade in an attempt to stop the bombing and to rekindle some hope of peace talks, before there are no longer any ethnic Albanians in Kosovo to be concerned about

SUZANNE HOSLEY.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization does not possess the degree of military superiority that one might expect. NATO tanks and mechanized infantry carriers would be of limited effectiveness in combat in Kosovo due to extremely restrictive terrain, antitank mines, light anti-tank weapons and blown bridges. The infantry component of armored and mechanized divisions is, in

any case, small. Most American infantry can attack only when sup-ported by masses of infantry fire. hut neither the port capacity nor the road net in the Balkans will allow NATO to hring forward

large quantities of ammunition.
The success of any NATO ground attack would rest on the offensive strength of about three or four divisions of elite infantry.
One or two U.S. Marine divisions. the 82d Airborne and the British Paracbute Regiment and Royal Marines, Given that the Serbs are good soldiers and can be expected to fight well, this is not a margin of superiority that would promise a quick or certain victory.
TERENCE ZUBER.

Würzburg. Germany,

Even with the best of intentions, you do not meddle in a civil war, and especially not with B-52s and cruise missiles. NATO sbould — through the Russians ohtain the partition of Kosovo, give massive economic aid to the ethnic Alhanians, claim to have on and get out,

MARC AMBLARD. St. Antonin-du-Var. France.

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Children From Nowhere Can Easily Become Lost

By Stephen Schiff

NEW YORK — It's a routine with me. "Where are you from?" I am asked. "Oh, a little town in Colorado — you wouldn't have heard of it. It's got an appropriate name, though:

Now everybody has heard of it. Everybody's seen it: the high school that looks like a Spielberg

MEANWHILE

mother ship, the yards of struggling grass and wispy trees, the dun-colored foothills beyond, the miles and miles of shopping

When I was growing up there in the 1960s, Littleton was not the middle-class Denver suburb it is today. It was Small Town. U.S.A., a rural backwater with a shacklike train station, a runty main street full of seedy bars and breakfast-any-time restaurants, a single police station, a single indoor movie theater.

The inwn was populated by grizzled old-timers trying to figure out how to turn a dollar off the newcomers arriving from the urban East. And I suppose my father was one of those: a Jew from Detroit and the first pediatrician Littleton had ever seen.

Columbine High School had not been built; the community it now serves was scrubland, with no houses or trees and a whole lot of tumbleweed. But Arapahoe High, where I matriculated, was little different from Columbine. It was white and Protestant, part middle class and part poor and, then as now, dominated by jocks.

That the public high school is the princedom of the jock is a fact of American culture. And for those who, like me, were not athletes, learning to cope with a life lived in their shadows was an essential part of one's education.

It still is, or should be. In the culture I am now an adult in, it is the celebrities - movie stars and sports stars and tycoons - who are the princes, and most of us learn to live in their shadows quite equitably, though not without the occasional twinge of envy. It never would bave occurred to me or to any of my classmates that the answer to this shadow existence was to assassinate the princes.

liked to be street-smart and tough I would have liked to have a small 10wn tremble in fear before me Marlon Brando in "The Wild One" was before my time, but he

was the general model.

If I had tried anything, though, I would have been grounded. I knew that actions had consequences. I grew up in a town endowed, however humbly, with a character and a sense of place. and I, too. had those things.

What sense of place can there be in the Littletons of America now, in these mall-lands where each Gap and McDonald's is like the next, where the differences between things are neither prized nor scorned but simply wiped

Three decades ago. Littleton, Colorado, was a poor town with a sense of place.

from existence? Growing up in an anonymous landscape, how can anyone escape his own encroacbing sense of anonymity? In this world, meaning evaporates, In a world of monotonous getting and spending, the need to shake things up, to make a mark - any mark — may overpower every-thing else, including sense. President Bill Clinton has

blamed violence in the media, and there will be others supporting that view. But I think something else is at work. Children who grow up with a sense of place and character know the difference between the gunfire on television and real gunfire; they know the difference hetween the fake deaths of movie actors and the final deaths that can be inflicted on others.

The Trench Coat Mafia's par-ticular brand of evil may have stemmed from a terrible absence - a loss of perspective that might be one of the unforeseen consequences of a loss of place.

Mr. Schiff wrote the screen-plays for the movies. The Deep End of the Ocean" and "True True, like any teenager with an Crime." He contributed this comounce of brain. I longed to be a ment to The New York Times.

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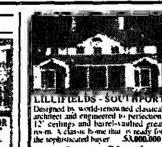
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Monuments in a Modern World: Relics of China's Past



People's Square viewed from the roof of the Shonghal Museum, which houses o fine collection of Chinese ort.

A New Vessel for Ancient Treasures

By Seth Faison

New York Times Service China's largest and most cosurban planning that reflects the times. A police forces and styles of dress, the park park in the middle of Shangbai, a longneglected city that Chinese leaders have hatted foreigners could parade in their pegged as a model for the entire country, now embodies the best of China's efforts in 1949, the area became a barren square the ground floor may have been given a to become a more sophisticated and a of concrete, a place to hold mass ral-

culturally ricber society.

The park is still called by its original name. People's Square, yet it now ac- site of rallies by Red Guards, who often tually seems to offer residents a place to enjoy on their own terms, rather than at the instruction of a patemalistic state. In followed, the square remained bleak and positioned on plexiglass stands that are fact, Sbanghai's leaders are so proud of empty, as Shanghai languished and fell the square, they hope and expect it will draw lots of tourists.

The jewel of this revitalized area is the Shanghai Museum, a marvelous con- into China's premier metropolis, and

spanking new opera house, the Shanghai find a better showcase, the museum's Grand Theater, another distinct architectural triumph in a land where basty tectural triumph in a land where basty building to a real estate developer for \$25 also houses a sculpture gallery and exhibition hall. The second floor amount of China's great which the hillest a superstruction in recent years has littered. garisb colored glass. The opera bouse, permanent home for four years while the designed by a French architect, Jean-museum directors raised the rest of the Marie Charpentier, bas a curved roof money for a new building and battled the that opens toward the sky like a giant offering plate. "Aida" was performed there last fall, and concerts and other performances are held nightly.

City's bureaucracy for the right to give it a prominence behining its ricb contents.

Foreign donors, many of them Shanghai-born emigrants in New York, Lonperformances are held nightly.

The park that lies in between these two new cultural monuments, with pleasant pathways lined with flowers and greenery, completes the square's sudden, more civilized, incarnation. A new City Hall on the far side of the park may look dull compared with its neighbors, but at least it avoids the Stalinist excesses of most government buildings elsewhere in China.

In many ways, People's Park reflects the remarkable transformation that Shanghai has witnessed in this century. HANGHAI - At the center of Incolonial days, when the city was dominated by French. British and American mopolitan city, the city fathers traders who divided it into foreign "conhave completed a showcase of cessions" with competing governments, was home to a race track where strawfinery. After the Communist revolution

> In the 1960s, People's Park was the behind other areas of China. In the late 1990s the city was given the go-ahead, and the money, to redevelop Shanghai

construction in recent years has littered million — even though they had no place hibition hall. The second floor ceramics

don and Hong Kong, provided part of the financing. The directors also relied on foreign connections to arrange visiting exhibitions and to obtain modern light-ing and burnidity systems. When the museum opened in 1996, its 11 exhibition spaces were named for prominent

The museum bouses a first-class collection of bronze, porcelain and Chinese of calligraphy, jade and classical fur-

niture. Visiting exhibitions often include

20th-century art. Even better, the pre-

sentation is at once impeccable and ac-

cessible to those unfamiliar with

Chinese art, with labels in both Chinese and English. The exhibition of ancient bronzes on premier location because it is the area of xpertise for Ma Chengyuan, the founding director of the museum. who recently retired. Decorated in dark green, the ball

so simple as to be nearly invisible. Bronze epitomizes China's ancient civilization, and bronze artifacts became treasured possessions of Chinese aristocrats in the earliest known Chinese temporary building the color of sand and the shape of an ancient Chinese urn. designed by a team of local architects. It houses a majestic collection of Chinese art, easily the finest in the country.

Catty-corner across the square is a spanking new opera house, the Shanghai

People's Park was transformed.

One component, the Shanghai Museum, for years was housed in a dank old bank building that belonged to Shanghai bank building that belonged to Shanghai seem, for years was housed in a dank old bank building that belonged to Shanghai seem, for years ago. Although bronzes here are so impressive that they should not be passed up. There are more than 400 pieces on view, though the museum owns more than 6,000.

planation at the entryway puts it bluntly: "Pottery belongs to all mankind, but porcelain is China's creation.'

The museum's calligraphy and painting galleries on the third floor are beautifully designed, with wooden floors and traditional Chinese roofing. Scroll paintings, many of them a delicate mixture of painting and calligraphy, are magnificently displayed on specially designed tables that rilt toward the viewer.

The Shanghai Museum, at 201 Renmin Dadao in People's Park. is open every day from 9 A.M to 5 P.M. It costs only \$2.50, or 60 cents, for anyone with a student card.

The Tablet Of Yangshan

By Nicholas D. Kristof

ANJING, China - Three local Chinese tourists were harrumphing their way down the mountain, indignantly com-plaining about what they had seen. I was heading up and paused to let them pass on the trail, so one of them advised me helpfully. "No point in going on. There's nothing there but a rock.

Well, yes. But what a rock! The Yangshan Stone Tablet, in the hills outside the old capital of Nanjing in southeastern China, is not on most tour-ist itineraries, and even many Chinese living in Nanjing do not know about it. And yes, I suppose it is just a rock.

The site is an old imperial quarry

nestled in a series of rolling green hills, covered with forests and occasional ombs of Chinese notables. The Emperor Yongle, who ruled in the early 15th century, wanted to have the grandest monument imaginable for the tomb of his father, the founder of the Ming Dynasty. So he ordered the construction in this quarry of a headstone in three parts—base, stele and cap. It was to be the biggest memorial in the world.

Court engineers found an appropriate spot in the quarry and designed a tablet that would have been 256 feet high (85 meters). Thousands of workers spent years clearing the hillside and carving the stone from the mountain. After huge expense and unimaginable labor, the three parts were chiseled almost entirely free from the mountain. Then the engineers began to think of how they were going to

move the tablet to the gravesite.

The tablet weighs 31.000 tons, and even today there is probably no way it could be budged. It would be far too heavy for trucks, even if there were roads

So the emperor's advisers explained to Yongle that while the work was mostly completed, the tablet was unmovable. It is not known how he reacted. but it seems unlikely that he took the news well. Yongle was one of China's great emperors, but like most of the great ones he was also exceptionally brutal, torturing and killing not only his critics but even their extended families and neighbors and friends. He was particularly fond of execution by an excru-ciating method known as death by a thousand cuts, causing opponents to bleed to death very slowly.

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Confucian scholars, Fang Xiaoru, de- rused with the hill China's cities with excess chrome and to move. The collection was without a section is particularly ricb. As an exregime. Yongle cut him to pieces in the city square and executed more than 900 people who had had some connection with him. I have not found any record of whether heads also rolled among those who planned the stone tablet.

In any case, work simply stopped on the headstone. The three parts of the tablet were left where they lay, and the centuries passed. But people with an interest in Chinese history periodically visited the spot to gasp at the size of the stones and to wonder at Yongle's vision and foolishness. And in recent years the local authorities have tried to turn it into a tourist site.



my visit in February three people inside were standing guard and charging a bit more than \$1 a person for admission. I asked bow many people visited, and one said airily "maybe 200 or 300 a day," but that seems a buge exaggeration. In the two bours that I was on the grounds, there were only a few other visitors around, and when I left the tieket takers were gone and anyone could have walked in free.

Just inside the grounds from the ticket booth is a large area set up years ago for souvenir booths, but none is in operation. A small teahouse is open, but it was empty during my visit. I suspect that reality caught up with the authorities and forced them to abandon plans for a major tourist development. The bottom line is that far fewer people will come to see a historical site that represents failure than one that was a triumph.

From the ticket booth, one must hike about balf a mile up the hill to the quarry. It is a pleasant walk, with occasional old tombs to explore on each side, and would make a pleasant place for a pic-

Then you see the intended tablet base a rock as big as a house --- and after climbing up a set of stone stairs and past the teahouse, you emerge in a flat area with a round cylinder jutting out, also bouse-sized. That was supposed to be the cap on top of the tablet. Just beyond that is the centerpiece of the tablet: a carved it into shape. Even the bottom is mostly detached from the ground.

There are a few trails around, and I climbed onto the hillside and then onto the tablet itself. There are no rails and it is a thrill to walk out on the tablet and

peek down over the edge. The tablet is a glimpse into Chinese history, offering a lesson in both outsize imperial aspirations and supreme foolishness. It was the same Yongle who organized a great naval armada of 300 ships and 28,000 sailors that made seven great journeys to the Indian Ocean between 1405 and 1433, eventually reaching as far as East Africa. It was he who

Those plans seem to have failed, moved the capital of China to Beijing, There is a gate, and when I arrived for built the Forbidden City, invaded Viet-

a small way. He employed more than a million people to build the Forbidden City and its 800-room palace (China then had a total population of 60 mil-lion), and he forced 120,000 housebolds to move to the new capital.

URING his frequent trips back and forth between Nanjing and Beijing, Yongle traveled with an entourage of government officials and contiers and logistical personnel that make U.S. presidential trips look puny — and the emperor also always took with him 10,000 cavalry soldiers and 40,000 foot soldiers.

Yongle did some great things for China - it was also he who ordered the repairs of the Grand Canal that connected northern and southern China but ultimately his grand projects bled the country dry. And in that sense, the great stone tablet is the perfect symbol of his

There is something poignant about a project so grand and yet so foolisb. I couldn't help thinking that it was because of projects on this garganuan scale that China is no longer run by emperors, and that in that sense the tablet is more evocative of Chinese history than much better-known sites like the imperial tombs. The most efficient way to get to the

tablet is to hire a taxi in Nanjing and ask it to wait for you. Negotiate the fare first; on can hire a taxi for \$25 for four bours. which is enough to take you to the tablet and another, more famous site, the Ming * tomb, where the tablet was supposed to

In Chinese, the tablet is known as the Yangshan Beicai, and most taxi drivers seem to know vaguely of its existence and can find it by asking around. The telephone number of the ticket booth is 410-7582

Yongle is a fascinating emperor, hut little known in the West. One book that discusses his life (although it is not a biography but a history of the armada that Yongle assembled) is "When China Ruled the Seas," by Louise Levathes (Oxford University Press).

Hong Kong Is Still Its Old Self

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

ONG KONG — It has been nearly two years since this former British colony reverted to Chinese rule. But some residents are still startled when they see the words "Hong Kong, China" on a television report or travel brochure.

Old habits die hard, and Hong Kong is still in the midst of an awkward transition from colonial outpost to Chinese metropolis. The outward trappings of empire have been largely effaced (only the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club still preserves the Royal in its English name). Inwardly, however, Hong Koog has not completely thrown off its heritage as a Crown Colony in the exotic East: The Hong Kong Tourist Association promotes the territory's residual British flavor as well as its Chinese character and close as neighboring Macao and as far its cosmopolitan atmosphere as the most away as North America. They will cominternational city in Asia.

The regional economic crisis has compounded Hong Kong's identity crisis by slowing its capitalist heartbeat.
Money is still being made here. But the
gaudy celebration of wealth that characterized Hong Kong during the go-go years has been replaced by a more sober recognition of hard times.

mood and walk the streets. Hong Kong feels very much like its old self. It throbs with the energy of 6.8 million people — buying, selling or chatting on their ubiquitous cell phones. Victoria Harbor remains a dazzling tarantella, as ferries, barges, cruise ships and the odd sampan

dodge and weave past each other. Kai Tak Airport, with its legendary rooftop-skimming landings, was closed

passengers. With its soaring marble-andglass terminal and flawlessly efficient rail link to Kowloon and Central, the airport is a powerful reminder that Hong Kong is, above all, a city that works. Information on Hong Kong is avail-

able at: www.hkta.org With the weather turning tropical. Hong Kong residents head for the water during the spring and summer. On June 18, the annual Dragon Boat Festival will fill the city's hays and coves with decorative boats. With 22 oarsmen on each boat and a dragon scowling from every prow, this Chinese version of crew is a colorful display and a fun way to spend an afternoon. The races will be held in several places, but the most popular viewing spot is at Stanley, on the south side of Hong Kong Island. In July, amateur dragon boaters relinquish the field to professional teams from as pete in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Festival, in Shatin, the New Territories, on July 3 and 4.

Performing arts are not Hong Kong's strong suit. But in May, the English National Ballet plans to bring a production of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. It will be the only Still, if you ignore the prevailing Asian engagement of "Swan Lake," nood and walk the streets, Hong Kong and the 120 dancers will be backed by 80 musicians from the Guangzhou Symphony Orcbestra. There will be five performances from May 5 to 8, includng a Saturday matinee.

Hong Kong is an indifferent guardian of its past, with old buildings too frequently tom down in favor of nondescript high-rises. But a new exhibit of historical photographs. "City of Vic-toria," offers a fascinating record of

1841, it tracks the evolution of Hong Kong from a primitive outpost to a modem city. The exhibit is at the Hong Kong Museum of History in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, through August.

The cheapest and best way to see Hong Kong is on a Star Ferry. These redoubtable green-and-white vessels ply the choppy waters of Victoria Har-bor every 5 to 10 minutes between 6:30 A.M. and 11:30 P.M. The view from the upper deck is one of the wonders of the world, with Victoria Peak hulking behind a glittering skyline, and the manta-ray roof of the new Hong Kong Convention Center. Ferries serve Tsim Sha Tsui in Kowloon and Central and Wanchai in Hong Kong.

FABULOUS SHOPPING Debark on either side of the harbor, and several fabulous shopping centers beckon, in one of the few cities where shopping is a form of sightseeing. Although Hong Kong is no longer the mecca for bargains it once was, the shopping centers are vast the stores are dazzling and you can buy everything from hause countire to herbal medicine. Among the most spectacular shopping centers is Harbor City in Kowloon. Adjacent to the Star Ferry terminal, it encompasses four

sbopping malls with 700 stores.
While Hong Kong's skyline is its signature, the natural landscape is its unsung glory. The territory sprawls across 236 islands, some of which are accessible by ferry and offer a different slice of life. Among the most charming is Lamma Island, a funky retreat southwest of Hong Kong Island popular with backpackers. The waterfront is lined with seafood restaurants and feels vaguely Mediterranean. A ferry sails from Central to Sok



Hong Kong is still in the midst of an awkword transition from colonial outpost to Chinese metropolis.

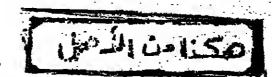
that is an evocative throwback to Hong

Kong's fishing-village past.
One of the city's best seafood res-

expensive. Dinner for two with wine is soup, dinner for two is about \$130; about \$165. Reservations are a must, at (852) 2523-2343. (852) 2827-9938,

last July, and the new Hong Kong International Airport has overcome a trouble-prone opening to win raves from Britain's occupation in

No trip to Hong Kong is complete taurants is Victoria City Seafood in the Sun Hung Kai Center in Wanchai, east at 32-40 Wellington Street in Lan Kwai taurant, at Edinburgh Place, offers the of Central, Seafood specialties, like Fong, the night life district. The house quintessential experience. The cavdeep-fried prawns at about \$8.40, are specialty is roast goose, sold by the ernous dining room echoes with the clanking of trolley carts, bearing the bite-sized treats. Lunch for two is \$25.



MOVIE GUIDE

atized by the town's neon lights.) And some turn nasty, but "Go" mostly sus-tains a nicely sardonic sense of adven-Borrowing truckloads of inspiration from "Pulp Fiction," Dong Liman's ture. Liman manipulates speed, light, juicy center is explicitly sexual and the editing and point of view vigorously and true story is about the masochism of a 'Go" has three interrelated sections. It begins and ends at the same time and keeps the radio humming. He creates a place, turns a banal spot into its central film that lives up to the momentum of its after, Marie (Caroline Ducey), has made setting (supermarket instead of coffee title and doesn't really need much shop), flirts with drugs and violence and lets its characters riff amusingly on assorted trivia. But derivative as it is,

10 THINGS

"Go" has a powerful personality of its own. Before the opening Columbia Pictures icon has even finished brandishing drives icon has even finished brandishing Directed by Gil Junger. U.S. Among the crop of recent teenage movies whose plots parody stories from classic literature, "10 Things I Hate Aboot You," a high-school "Taming of the Shrew," tries the hardest of any to season its screenplay with authentic Shakespearean touches. Students in a writing class at Padua High School (somewhere around Seattle) are asked to create sonnets. There is an Elizabethan-theme prom that inspires some fancy hairdos and fetching cosby John August embroils Ronna in a botched drug deal, she remains a sufit also feels terrihly forced, Like most it also feels terribly forced. Like most of the other recent teenage comedies, "IO Things I Hate About You" takes place in a super-affluent, all-American never-never land where high schoolers drive fancy new cars and have lavish wardrobes. This hothouse world suggests a vintage sitcom larded with sex and cushioned with money. It isn't any more real than "The Brady gunplay, culminating in a chase dram- Bunch." (Stephen Holden, NYT)

ARTS GUIDE

SPAIN

SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM

(91) 420-3944, closed Mondays, Continuing/To May 18: "El Greco: Identidad y Transformación." El

Greco's artistic tinerary between 1560 and 1600, during his Cretan, Italian and Spanish periods, www.museothyssen.org

National museum, tel; (8) 457-0000, closed Mondays. To May 30: "Gustave Courbet: A Rebel Launches His Works." Approxi-mately 70 paintings from European and American. collections by the French paintar (1819-1877). The exhibits completed after 1855 in-clude landscapes still lites nor-

clude landscapes, still lifes, por-traits and several erotic nude stud-

les in which Courbet consciously

adapted to the teste and demands

UNITED STATES

The Philitips Collection, tel: (202) 387-2151, closed Mondays. To July 18: "Georgia O'Keefle: The Po-

atry of Things." An exploration of

of the contemporary art market. www.nationalmuseum.se

showing how, from Cologne to Par-ie and the United States, Ernst ex-

perimanted with various tech-niques and media.

Palazzo Grassi, tel: (041) 522-9875, open delly. Continuing/To May 18: "I Maye." Six hundred items trace the

development of the Maya civilization

vww.palazzograssi.it

Nagoya/Boston Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (52) 684-0101, closed Mondays. The Nagoya museum opened on April 17 with two in-

augural exhibitions that borrow from the collections of the Boston

Museum of Fine Arts: To Sept. 26:

"Monet, Renoir and the Impres-sionist Landscape" displays more than 60 works from 19th-century

France, including 12 paintings by Monat and five by Renoir. The

long-term exhibition, "Art of the An-cient Mediterranean World," which

is due to run until Merch 2004,

features more than 220 objects

from ancient Egypt, Greece and

www.nagoya-boston.or.jp

Rome.

in Central America and Mexico.

JAPAN .

ROMANCE

Directed by Catherine Breillat. France. Romance is just the icing on the cake, the woman in love. If it's suffering she's the right match: Peol (Sagamore Steven-(Janes Moslin, NYT) in), her actor husband who seems to be congealed in narcissism, has stopped making love to her. The more she wants him, the more he averts his profile, wrapping his oether parts to white sheets, a study in male frigidity. She seeks satisfaction with a lusty stranger (porn star Rocco Siffredi), and in bonding sessions with Robert (Francois Berleand). Marie is a slender young teacher who makes spelling mistakes, Robert the stern principal who humiliates her, a Casanove proud of his S&M prowess. In an elaborate mise-en-scène, bound and gagged. Marie resembles a saint in ecstasy. Do you have to have been schooled in a French convent to get it? Bondage may tomes. And every now and then the banter among the characters incorporates acmal Shakespearean quotations.

not be every woman's cup of tea, hut that's the way it is with other people's sexual obsessions, hard to fathom. Breillat, a novelist, screenwriter and director, makes movies about the wild side of sex that are fine-timed invitations to a clinic for couples in crisis, staged in an arid atmosphere. Much of "Romance" takes place in a white bedroom; Marie and Paul are clad in antiseptic white, down to the next five years. their socks, lambs oo their way to slanghter. And it's the slaughter, their desires and fears — fear of fruition, of fertility — that make up the quiet despair of "Romance." (Joan Dupont, IHT)

objects. The exhibition brings to-

CLOSING SOON

April 25; "French and English Drawings of the 18th and 19th Centuries From the National Gal-

lery of Canada." Frick Collection,

April 25: "Patron Jirohachi Sat-

April 30: "L'Ablto per il Corpo, il Corpo per l'Abito: Islam a Occi-

dente a Confronto." Museo Stib-

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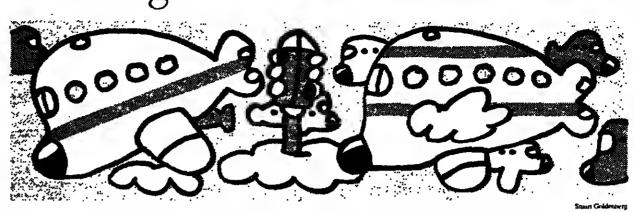
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FREQUENT TRAVELER

Heading for Gridlock in the Skies



By Roger Collis

International Herald Tribuu UROPE faces terminal gridlock in the skies in the next five years unless the 37 member states of the European Civil Aviation Conference can agree on a radical new strategy to generate sufficient capacity at alreads and in air-traffic cootrol systems to meet the growth of air traffic in

The challenge is daunting. The 27 members of the Association of European Airlines carried an estimated 177 million passengers on scheduled international flights in 1998 - an increase of 13 million from the previous year. The association now forecasts growth of up to 9 percent a year, which means that the number of passengers will double about every eight years.

the American artist's depictions of British airports handled 160 million passengers in 1998, a record. According to the British Department of Environworks on paper drawn from the series of fruit, leaves, flowers, ment, Transport and the Regions, demand for air travel in Britain will double hy 2015, to 310 million passengers.

In 1998, 22.5 percent of the scheduled departures of planes affiliated with the Association of European Airlines were delayed by more than 15 minutes - a substantial deterioration over 1997, Seventy percent of delays were attributed to controllers and increases capacity. airport or air-traffic control congestion. or to planes missing their departure or landing slots.

suma and Japanese Artists in Par-is." Nara Sogo Museum of Art, CAPACITY TO COPE "We've got to provide sufficient capacity to cope be-tween now and 2015 with something like a 120 perceot increase in traffic — that's aircraft movements, not people," said Phil Hogge, director of infrastructure in April 25: "Portraits by Ingres: Imeges of an Epoch." National Gal-April 25: "Chegeli, Kandinsky, Majewitsch und die Russische Av-antgarde," Kunsthaus, Zurich. April 25: "Mark Rothko." Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Per-Europe for the International Air Transport Association in Brussels.."Aircraft delays increased by 30 percent between 1997 and 1998 within Europe. Our con-cern is that with traffic growing at the current rate, the system will sooo clog up. We'll be right back to 1987-1988 or worse, You remember people camping at Gatwick? This will translate to hor-

will not be socially sustainable.

"What we're trying to do with this new strategy, is to reinforce the coordination between states of the whole air traffic system, which involves airports as well as airlines, to produce sufficient capacity to prevent deleys. It involves integrating systems on the ground — terminals, aprons, runways, taxiing areas — with en route air space so you get a cooperative network across Europe. Unfortunately, states are not always willing to pool what they regard as their sovereign air space to achieve the most efficient system for European air traffic as a whole. So the strategy could be compromised."

The new strategy aims to increase capacity hy up to 140 percent in three stages by 2015 with existing infrastructure while reducing costs and improving safety. It is the result of 18 months' work between all parties to air transport -IATA and member airlines, airports, traffic-control providers, civil aviation authorities, the military, general aviation and Eurocontrol, a Brussels-based agency that manages air traffic for the 37 states of the civil aviation conference.

The strategy depends on restructuring 'highways in the sky'' with new satellite navigation systems that will replace the radio navigation beacons on the ground, which makes life easier for air-traffic

There are three main reasons for holdups: airline delays, through late-arriving passengers or technical glitches; congestion at airport immigration and security points; the hunching of traffic on runways, and more traffic in the air than systems can handle. Planes are also delayed by weather, and all of these problems can have a ripple effect.

Talk to Hans Krakauer, senior vice president, and veteran consumer advocate, at the International Airline Passenger Association in Lisbon, about capacity and congestion at airports and he becomes irate. "The congestion problem for planes is one thing," he said.
"The congestion problem that interests me is the effect on passengers. Every-body talks about techniques and forgets

Talk about capacity should include passengers, not just planes. There's a lot that can be done with present airport capability to increase cepacity for handling passeogers. The idea of slots has to do with parking a plane; it has no relationship with people. There is very little cooperation between airlines and airports, and what little there is is in the interests of their efficiency, not the in-

terests of passengers.
"What coold be done? Coordinating arrivals, for example. You have two widebodied aircraft arriving at the same time and you can wait two and a half hours at immigration. Airports and airlines not only need to agree on slots but how this fits with passenger handling capability at airports. Nobody looks at that. If things go wrong, everybody hlames everybody else. Once airlines have dumped passengers off a plane, they say, it's the airport's problem. But airports have no legal covenant with passengers."

The American Express Asia-Pacific Airfare Index for the first quarter of 1999 shows that fares - except for New Zealand and Pakistan, which have risen sharply — have stahilized after a year of substantial price increases. Business-class fares rose by only 0.5 percent last quarter and full-fare economy and 0.3 count economy by 0.5 percent and 0.3

'Good news for travelers, hut the current pause in price rises is not likely to be sustained throughout 1999," said Eric Meierhans, director, purchasing management, at American Express in Sydney. "Flat fares this quarter have heen caused in the main hy improvement in exchange rates of many Asian cur-reocies against the dollar after last year's devaluations."

Business fares are up 14 percent over the last three years and economy fares hy only 10 percent. Meierhans predicts a widening gap between premium and economy fares.

Roger Collis can be reached by fax at rendous delays of several hours which about passengers. Nobody gives a damn. (33-4) 93-74-77-92.

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OCEAN SEA

Ev Alessandro Baricco. Tronslated by Alastair McEnan. 241 pages. \$23. Alfred A. Knopf. Reviewed by

Richard Bernstein

Directed by Doug Liman. U.S.

her torch, the film crupts into a hy-

perkinetic rave scene and it keeps on flashing that kind of energy throughout.

If Liman breaks no ground here, he does

not simply appropriate the familiar. More often than not, he takes it by storm.

The ensemble cast is young, quick-witted and loaded with arritude. Just the way

Ronna, the cashier played with improb-

able grace by Sarah Polley, sullenly

asks, "Paper or plastic?" on the su-permarket checkout line is enough to

signal a film in which nobody is dull.

Sure enough, even when the screenplay

ficiently sharp-eyed Alice to make her

trip through a grunge Wonderland worth following. And Liman, who shot the film

as well as directed it, gives all the char-

acters' exploits their distinctive visceral

kick. Some of those exploits are tired.

(This is yet another movie in which a

group of guys sprint off to Las Vegas and

get into a mess involving strippers and

lemy of Arts, tel: (171)

300-8000, open daily. To July 4: "Vasili Kandinsky: Watercolours and Other Works on Paper." The

watercolors, gouaches and prints give en eccount of Kandinsky'e de-velopment as an artist from 1901 to

his death in 1944 and highlight his

breakthrough to abstraction and

Pont des Arts. Continuing/ To May 20: "Ousmane Sow." An

open-air exhibition of 80 large fig-

urativa sculptures of African war-

well as scenes from the Battle of

the Little Big Horn between Gen-eral Custer and his U.S. cavalry

troops and Plains Indians in 1876.

Neue Nationalgalerie, tel: (30) 266-2662, closed Mondays, Con-

inuing/ To May 30: "Max-Emst-

Retrospektive," Paintings, sculp-tures and works on paper by the German Surrealist (1891-1976)

GERMANY

nors, wrestlers and shepherds, as

nonfigurative styles. www.royalacademy.org.uk

FRANCE

BRITAIN

HE Almayer Inn, on some timeless and fabled European shore, is, like Joseph Roth's earlier Hotel Savoy, a place for the ingathering of comically or poignantly eccentric characters. The first one of these in Alessandro Baricco's Insciously mystical new novel, "Ocean Sea," is a painter named Plasson who uses sea water to paint the sea. creating all-white canvases. A woman named Ann Deveria, wrapped in purple and thinking of her husband and her lover, roams the shore. Soon Elisewin, a fragile teenage princess with "a most beautiful voice — velver" who "slipped through the air.

to cure her congenital frailty. Others are present, including Ismael Adelante Ismael Professor Bartleboom, a daft

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guests is a former seaman named Adams, who quietly nurses a sense of vengeance. by a core of precocious children, who are like the cherubs of a Renaissance painting: One of them furnishes dreams to the hotel's quaint inhabitants, another stares from a

window ledge at the sea. These lives, and several others, are going to intersect, amorously, comically and murderously, as "Ocean Sea" unfolds in its poetically elliptical way. Baricco is a literary cubist, a stylist who looks simultaneously at the several sides of things. He switches from one rhetorical mode to another, from a kind of symbolist poetry to grand adventure narrative to picaresque comedy, and the novel is masterfully reincarnated from Italian to English by the translator, Alastair McEwen.

your eyes off her." is sent to the hotel by her doring father "The truth is that it's the music that's hard, it's the music that's hard to find, to say things; there so close to each other, the music and the ges-tures, to dissolve the suffer-

leners to the woman he hopes nothing to be done anymore, women impose deep mean-one day to meet. The most the right music so that it may ing. For some of the guests at enigmatic and darkest of the be a dance, in some way, and the Almayer Inn, it is a cure life and away from life, And the whole is presided over strange pendulum of the soul," and so on for another dozen or so phrases.

> verbal craftsmanship for craftsmanship's sake, but generally I read "Ocean Sea" transfixed hy Baricco's lin- point may take years of sciguistic originality, the bois-terousness of his characters. and the skill with which he weaves the threads of a seemingly disjointed plot into a single narrative strand. The pleasure of discovering the surprising qualities in this story progresses, to a seaman Italian writer, whose only previous covel was the erotic told in what et first seems like love story "Silk." far outweighs the occasional annoy- main thread. It has to do with a ance of his lapses into mystico French naval frigate called mannerism. "Ocean Sea" is a Alliance that went aground

are shades of "Moby-Dick" scientist who writes daily love ing, when there is absolutely slate, on which men and deadly rivals.

ing. For some of the guests at not a wrench, that going off, for everything. Ann Deveria's that slipping away, toward enckolded husband has sent her here because he thinks that "the sea air may cool the passions." Professor Bartleboom studies it as part of his vast project, the compilation

French naval frigate called

This style of writing can be precious, artificial, a kind of of an Encyclopedia of the Limits to be Found in Nature. because, after all, the sea ends someplace, though that end entific observation to find. Adams's history includes a shipwreck off Africa and imprisonment by a local satrap who made him bark like a dog. He bears a strange resemblance, explained as Baricco's named Thomas whose story is

flawed gem of a novel, an off the coast of Africa. A good accident-prone beauty that took a great deal of talent and doned by the ship's captain imagination to devise. and set adrift on a makeshift The sea provides a constant raft, setting into motioo a savthematic presence, and there age battle for survival in which Thomas and the ship's here; the sea as a void, a hlank doctor, Savigny, became

"This is the story of an ah- know. One reads with a hit of version of this seaborne nightmare. "I am writing it in my mind, now, with what strength I have left and with my eyes fixed on that man who shall never have my forgiveness. Death shall read it.'

Baricco wraps everything up in a final series of chapters. each devoted to one of his guests at the Almayer Inn. In these final chapters.

various mysteries of identity are cleared up, as we learn who, exactly, are the people we thought we had come to

omination," begins Thomas's a frissoo as Baricco shifts from a comic to a tragic mode, from the theme of antic love to that of patiently exacted revenge, with a surprise at the end. But as with the rest of this novel, Baricco's voice remains detached, wry, musical, always vaguely parodic.

The characters remain very much themselves as they live out a kind of preordaioed destiny. But then Baricco wants to tantalize us with his cuhist conundrums, and in this he succeeds very well.

New York Times Service

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

F YOU TEST a computer's power to "think" hy mak-ing it play chess, it earns an A+. Deep Blue, a computer program, defeated Garry Kasparov, the world chess cham-

But test a computer that has been taught to play bridge, and the result is different. Matt Ginsberg, a professor of artificial intelligence at the University of Oregon and an expert hridge player, has created GIB, which stands for Ginsberg's Intelligent Bridge-player. It proved itself the best of its kind when several pro-WEST

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But when tested against human experts, its strengths and weaknesses quickly emerged. It was superb in play and defense that hinge on analysis that can be dealt with mathematically. But it had trouble when it had to solve more human problems involving language, partnership, communication and judgment. So far, it deserves a B+.

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Lille, France, in August, when it competed in the World Par Contest. There it had to handle 12 fiendishly difficult deals. and at the midpoint the com-puter was in the lead, ahead of 31 world-class human per-formers. It fell back to finish 12th, still a respectable performance. One of its successes was on the diagrammed deal,

which it solved in five minutes NORTH A A J 6 **♥** J t0 WEST EAST **♥54** ♦875

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- better than nearly all the humans. South was in four hearts

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after a revealing auction. West has bid spades, and retreated when doubled to two no-GIB was in its element in , trump, showing both minor suits. Four diamonds by North was a transfer to hearts.

West wins two diamond tricks and shifts to a low club. South ruffs in dummy. crosses to the spade king and ruffs another club. Now comes the key play: a low spade.
If West wins this, South

will cross-ruff to make his game. East must therefore ruff and lead a trump. South wins, ruffs another club, and reaches the position shown above. The spade ace is led and East must ruff. South overruffs, ruffs another club, and draws the missing trump. Two club winners score at the finish.

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He is here to reveal his latest plan: The

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Ahmed Chalabi is working with the

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conviction in Jordan for his role in a

Chalabi is the face of the Iraqi

to unseat Mr. Saddam.

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publican staff member said.

and four Shiite Muslim holy men.

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up a provisional government.

Mr. Chalabi disputes that he did anything wrong and says neither he nor his distrust Mr. Chalahi in part because he is family received money from Petra. He Shiite, a hranch of Islam whose ad-says his prosecution was politically moherents make up just over half of Iraq's tivated hy powerful Jordanian bankers 22 million inhabitants. The Kuwains do and husinessmen who wanted to elim-Senator Joseph Lieberman, Democrat of not believe he could inspire a successful inate him as a competitor, and by Mr.

Since he left Jordan, Mr. Chalahi has

and clashes with the police. Barricades were removed from main roads into Kingston and toward several imposed in parts of the capital and neigh-

boring Spanish Town, the police said. At least seven people were killed during the unrest, officials said, and at least 23 were seriously injured.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposcher

KINGSTON, Jamaica - Calm re-

From all indications everything is returning to normal," a police spokes-

man said. Prime Minister P.J. Patterson said in Parliament late Wednesday that he would recommend "a rollback" of a new gasoline tax after fiery roadblocks, looting and shootings forced businesses

and schools to shut down this week. He also told Parliament that the government would form a committee to lout. Tourism Minister Francis Tulloch recommend a reduction of the tax in- said he was determined to "use every crease, which took effect last Friday. tool that we have to ensure that it re-The committee will be led by Peter mains in a strong position." Moses, president of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica and chief ex- to spread the word that the bome of reggae ecutive of Ciribank in Jamaica. It is to music remained an attractive vacation esent its recommendations to the

prime minister on Sunday.

Protests flared on Friday after Finance Minister Omar Davies unveiled the tax turned to Jamaica on Thursday after the increase on diesel, gasoline and other government said it was willing to lower a fuel tax increase that touched off three fuels to raise \$75 million for roads and days of deadly protests, arson attacks public transportation.

Tax-Rollback Vow Calms Jamaica

The increase raised the cost of fuel by about 30 percent.

Initial demonstrations were minor and other towns after overnight curfews were eased over the weekend. But they ignited on Monday and raged into full-scale unairlines canceled flights, and several telephone problems. countries, including the United States, Britain and Canada, issued travel advisories to Jamaica. The unrest also stifled Jamaica's already shaky economy.

We probably lost more over the three days than the tax was projected to realize. Sameer Younis, president of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association, said on local television.

Tourism industry leaders also said they were nervous about possible fal-

This could include overseas missions destination. But he said husiness had not

been hit too hard by the protests. "Many hotels are filled to capacity and the people there are safe, so my response would be

that it is safe." he said. But the unrest prompted several airlines and three of the cruise ships that bring 2 million tourists a year to cancel

trips Wednesday. Shortly before Mr. Patterson's statements. Jamaicans had blocked major roads, defying police who fired warning shots and tear gas. Some parts of the rest this week, bringing the country to a shots and tear gas. Some parts of the virtual halt. Businesses closed, foreign island were subject to blackouts and

Mr. Patterson's address to Parliament also coincided with a huge march in Kingston organized by the women of the opposition Jamaica Labour Party. The opposition leader, Edward Seaga, addressed the rally and promised the marchers that pressure would be kept on the government until it fulfilled its promise to the people to roll back the tax.

Mr. Seaga warned Thursday that protesters would again hit the streets if Mr. Patterson's proposal did not lead to a scrapping of the tax.

Bruce Golding, president of the smaller opposition National Democratic Movement, said he did not see how the committee could, in a few days, review a complex budget that had taken a year to

Saddam Foe Plots Away, **But Some See** Just a Mirage' By Dana Priest and David B. Ottaway Washington Post Service DEARBORN, Michigan - In the dim basement of a tiny house here. despondent Iraqi men sit on the floor mulling a plan 10 overthrow President

As tea kettles rattle nearby, all eyes Ahmed Chalabi, an Iraqi opposition leader, in Washington for talks with members of Congress on his plan for a revolt against Saddam Hussein.

northern Iraq and three men he describes as veterans of a "terrorist" group, stand and maintain that his real contribution is Arab diplomats are t as an articulate spokesman against Mr. Saddam. Even more telling, Mr. Chalshi has little support from leaders of the fractious Iraqi exile groups or, they say. from Iraqis living in Iraq.

tank weapons, encryption and commu-The lack of confidence came into the nications gear. The men will train an additional 1,000. The rebels will infiltrate open early this month in London. The by land, sea or air. They will capture an best-known Iraqi exile group, a coalition air hase that will become a magnet for known as the Iraqi National Congress. disaffected Iraqi soldiers. The Americans had an executive committee meeting will provide air cover. Soon, they will set there April 7 and 8 at which Mr. Chalahi was demoted from chairman to simple 'It won't be the Americans who member. A collective leadership of sevliberate Iraq," he tells them, "It will be en persons, each representing one of the us. We need support, direction and main opposition groups, was established training from the U.S. There's no shame in his place.

"The emphasis is on teamwork rather than any individual," said Barham Salih. Washington representative of the Patriotic Unioo of Kurdistan, one of the groups in the Iraqi National Congress. In any case. Arab governments in the Gulf region have told the administration they would not allow Mr. Chalabi to run a liberation army from their soil, even in an operation mounted with U.S. help. "Universally, there isn't a government hanking scandal, has established him-self as the focus of congressional hopes opposition seriously." a senior admin-

istration official said. The ruling Sunnis of Saudi Arabia opposition in Washington." a key Re-He is a person of strength, principle and real national commitment," said Connecticut, who met recently in his revolt and refuse to give him a staging Saddam, who wanted him silenced. ffice with Mr. Chalabi.

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But off Capitol Hill, Mr. Chalabi has a

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resided in London. He is now a British considerably different reputation. Clin- conviction. And on the other side of citizen.

former Kurdish guerrilla fighter from ton administration officials in charge of Iraq. Turkey wants nothing to do with

Arab diplomats are therefore skeptical of Congress's insistence on mounting a publicized, U.S.-trained invasion - and of Mr. Chalahi's role in

'We Gulf Arabs live in the desert," a diplomat said, "and we know what a mirage is.

Mr. Chalahi is the scion of a wealthy banking family whose grandfather, father and brother held prominent posts in Iraqi governments until Mr. Saddam's Arah Ba'ath Socialist Party seized power in 1968. He has not lived fulltime in Iraq since 1958 except when he resided intermittently in the U.S.-pro-tected Kurdish north between 1993 and 1996 as a leader of the CIA's aborted

operation against Iraqi forces. Mr. Chalahi was a math professor at the American University in Beirut until 1977, when he went to Amman. Diving into the seemingly bottomless sea of Arab oil money, he huilt an innovative banking empire. He fled Jordan in 1989 to escape prosecution when the bank collapsed. In 1992, the State Security Court in Amman convicted Mr. Chalabi in absentia and sentenced him to 22 years for embezzling millions from his Petra Bank.

Elizabeth Tilberis, Fashion Editor, Dies

By Anne-Marie Schiro New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Elizabeth Tilberis, 51, editor in chief of Harper's Bazaar, who transformed it from a tired magazine into a viable voice in fashion while she hattled ovarian cancer and raised awareness of the disease, died Wednesday in New York.

Ms. Tilberis was highly respected for her ability as an editor, her warmth and her good humor in the face of dehilitating treatments to halt the spread of the cancer that ultimately took her life. While hospitalized in December 1993 and again in the summer of 1995, she oversaw each issue of the monthly magazine, which she had taken over in February 1992. Until just a few days (about 14 kilograms). hefore her death, she was working on the June issue.

Hearst Magazines, which publishes the 132-year-old Harper's Bazaar, lured Ms. Tilberis away from her job as editor in chief of British Vogue.

When she took over, she said, her goal was to make Harper's Bazaar "the most from a size 14 to a fashionable size 6.

beautiful fashion magazine in the Mary Clark Rockefeller, 91, world." She hired talented stylists and famous photographers and brought in Fahien Baron to redesign the look of the magazine. Under his art direction, it developed a strong graphics style, which

was widely copied The September 1994 issue of Harper's Bazaar contained an informative article by Aimee Lee Ball. "Ovarian Cancer: One Woman's Fight," in which Ms. Tilberis linked her use of fertility drugs in the late 1970s to the ovarian cancer that was diagnosed in December 1993. The fertility treatments were unsuccessful. The article described the disease and its treatment, which included nine weeks of chemotherapy, which caused Ms. Tilberis to lose 30 pounds

In another article in the magazine, in May 1996, Ms. Tilberis described in diary form a bone-marrow transplant she underwent the previous summer to eradicate vestiges of the cancer. In both articles, she chose to find something pos-itive to say about her illness: she had gone

Ex-Wife of Nelson Rockefeller

NEW YORK -- Mary Clark Rockefeller, 91, who was prominent in the education of nurses and was New York state's first lady when she was married to Governor Nelson Rockefeller, died Wednesday at her home in New York.

Political and social worlds were shocked in 1961 when governor and Mrs. Rockefeller announced their separation after 31 years of marriage. Their divorce and his quick remarriage, in 1963, to Margaretta Fitler (Happy) Murphy, caused a furor,
Mr. Rockefeller unsuccessfully

sought the 1964 Republican presidential nomination, and many political commentators said that his chances had been damaged hy his divorce and remarriage to Mrs. Murphy.
Mr. Rockefeller, who failed in an-

other attempt to gain the presidential nomination in 1968, remained governor nntil 1973. He went on to be vice president from 1974 to 1977 under President Gerald Ford and died in 1979.

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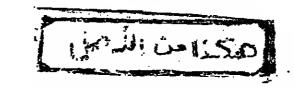
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First, a merger between the German and Italian companies would spell the end of Deutsche Telekom's seven-year partnership with France Telecom. Even if a Deutsche Telekom-Telecom Italia merger never happens, the relationship between the German and French companies may have already been shattered by the German carrier's am-

Second, a dissolution of France Telecom-Deutsche Telekom partnership spells the end for Global One, at least in its current form. It became clear last month that the Global One telecommunications alliance was on the verge of collapse; a merger between Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia would turn Global One's likely demise into a virtual certainty.
It is almost inconceivable

that the U.S.-based Sprint, France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia could remain in a four-way partnership

Third, Sprint, the No. 3 U.S. long-distance carrier,

In 1994, Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom each

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companies formed Global One, a venure aimed at serving

the communications needs of multinational corporations. But the German and French companies already had their owo partnership, formed in 1992 and code-named Atlas.

international strategy.

For Sprint, that redefinition will probably mean deciding to link with one overseas carries for the loss of the third

The chief executives of Telecom Italia SpA, Franco may soon be faced with the Bernabe, left, and of Deutsche Telekom AG, Ron opportunity to redefine its Sommer, announcing the merger Thursday in London.

whether to link with France Telecom, a merged German-common vision might compensate for the loss of the third agreed to acquire 10 percent of Sprint, and in 1996 the three

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New Korean Air Chief Pledges Immediate Steps to Help Safety

By Don Kirk mational Herald Tribut

SEOUL - A professional executive replaced a member of the owning family as the head of Korean Air on Thursday, making a pledge "to do what it takes to ensure safety, even if it means reducing flights and cutting frequencies."
Shim Yi Tack, who has served for the

past decade as executive vice president of the troubled flag carrier, vowed that his ties to the owning family would not deter him from instituting "immediate measures to regain the trust of passengers and people around the world."

The promotion of Mr. Shim in place of Cho Yang Ho as chairman came two days after President Kim Dae Jung blamed "aothoritarian" family ownership for a series of mishaps in recent years in which more than 800 people have died. His remarks were triggered by the crash April 15 in Shanghai of a McDonnell Douglas MD-11 cargo jet in which three crew members and five people on the ground were killed.

The extent of the shake-up at Korean Air, however, was not clear. Mr. Cho was immediately named chairman of the airline in place of his father, Cho Choong Hoon, the airline's founder, who the airline said was "taking the entire responsibility for Korean Air's recent aircraft accidents." The elder Mr. Cho remains chairman of the Hanjin group,



Shim Yi Taek speaking Thursday at a press conference in Seoul

which owns a controlling interest.

Mr. Shim, described in a press release as the airline's "new president and CEO," has actually been chief executive officer as well as executive vice president since 1994, according to his résumé.

Mr. Shim, 60, insisted that he would take full responsibility for Korean Air operations, while Cho Yang Ho, 50, will still provide counsel due to his vast aviation experience."

Mr. Shim also said that 29 Korean Air

tions "to take responsibility." Sitting at a table flanked by several of them. however, he said it was up to the company to decide whether or oot to let them go.

The shake-up inspired limited coo-fidence among Mr. Kim's staff and for-eign analysts. "It's a first step to change the simution," said Lee In Suk, the minister for construction and transportation. 'It will take some time.' 'This airline has serious problems to address," said Edward Campbell-Harris, the manager of Jardine Fleming Securities in Seoul. "Maybe the oew pres-

ident will have the real anthority in turn Korean Air stock rose 5 percent to

close at 14,400 won (\$12.12). Korean Air, now the world's 13thlargest carrier, is the only airline with a manufacturing arm, and critics say this arrangement has diverted attention from

safety issues.

Mr. Shim was emphatic, however that under him, Korean Air woold make sure that safety was the top priority

Eager to show that Korean Air had already adopted corrective measures, Mr. Shim played down Delta Air Lines' decision Friday to suspend a flight partnership with Korean Air.

Delta's decisioo was based oo a report by a team of Delta pilots who came to

U.S. Profit Reports Fuel Stock Surge

By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service

NEW YORK - First-quarter earnings reports from U.S. companies are pouring in, and they are pleasing investors,

Stock prices rose to records Thursday in response to the latest raft of robust reports. At the close, the Dow Jooes industrial average was np 145.76 points at a record 10,727.18, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 22.70 at 1.358.82, and the Nasdaq composite was

72.48 points higher at 2.561.56.

The gains were led hy IBM, which soared 23 to 194% after reporting late Wednesday that net income rose 42 percent in the most recent quarter. IBM's report followed strong earnings from a range of companies, including Citig-roup, Boeing and International Paper.

Michel Bon. the chairma and chief executive of France Telecom, said Wednesday in reaction to split between Telecom and

The France Deutsche Telekom is important for Sprint because Global One is technically a joint venture between Sprint and Atlas, and if Atlas collapses, the basic structure of Global One is thrown into doubt.

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simple. For all of the discord among the European carriers, France Telecom and Deotsche Telekom each have told Sprint they want to continue working with Sprint to keep a foothold in the lucrative U.S. market. according to executives close to Global One.

That could leave Sprint in a strong position, with the ability to choose its next partner

Global One foundered largely because of differences among its three partners. For Sprint, the chance

Schlumberger **Cuts More Jobs Over Oil Prices**

Bluomberg News
NEW YORK — Schlumberger Ltd., ooe of the world's leading oil-field services

companies, said Thursday that it would cot an additional 2,500 jobs as first-quarter profit plunged because low oil prices had reduced demand for its services.

The jobs, to be eliminated by June, come on top of 7,500 joh cuts made since last July, Schlumberger said.

The company expects the cuts to help it save \$300 million a year. Schlumberger's first-quarter oet income fell to \$89.2 million from \$378.3 million a year earlier.

Although first-quarter crude oil prices rallied from the 12-year low reached in December, they still averaged about 17 percent less than in the year-earlier quarter and oil-company spending reCoca-Cola, performed better than had been expected,

Positive earnings surprises are run-ning higher than the historical average. covering about half the companies in the S&P 500, according to IBES Interna-tional Inc. and First Call Corp., which track earnings projections and results. If the trend cootinues, earnings this

quarter could grow 9 percent to 10 percent, according to First Call. That pace would make the quarter the first with soch strong earnings growth since the end of 1997...

But even more significant is the steady rise in earnings forecasts for all of 1999 by Wall Street strategists.

Without doubt, the overall economic Even Exxon, which experienced a outlook has improved both in the United sharp drop io earnings because of plum- States and abroad. There are signs of a meting oil prices in January and Feb-turnaround to Asia, battered since the ruary, beat analysts' estimates by a devaluation of the Thai baht in 1997.

eveo companies whose earnings and terest rates to spark growth. Investors are revenues were forecast to fall, such as betting again on emerging markets, and Brazil seems to be getting its problems under cootrol just months after it devaloed its currency.
Furthermore, higher earnings are

looming for the oil industry, as oil prices have risen sharply in recent weeks. And better results than expected last quarter for U.S. industries, such as paper, and for cyclical companies that thrive when the economy is strong are causing financial analysis to make reassessments.

The brightening picture is encouraging investors to take a longer view and providing signs of support for the stock market in the months ahead. The overall rise in expectations is distracting attention from some of the disappointments, such as the earnings shortfall at Compaq Com-In just five months, Bruce Steinberg,

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World Bank Chief Urges Social Element in Talks

By Mitchell Martin International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — Social matters are oot receiving sufficient attention in suggestions to overhaul international financial regulations, the president of the World Bank said Thursday.

James Wolfensohn, whose institution provides development assistance in poor countries, said that suggestions for change by its sister organization, the International Monetary Fund, were oot

sufficiently broad.
On Wednesday, the IMF managing director, Michel Camdessus, said the topic would come up at the semiannual meetings of the two organizations next

Separately, Treasury Secretary Robert Robin outlined a five-point plan that the United States would propose, apparently with backing from some of its allies. The plan would end assistance to most countries that do not let their currencies trade freely, force private lenders

to participate in international bailouts of

middle-class people during ecocomic Referring to the IMF proposals, Mr. Wolfensohn said, "We have a slightly different take on the international architecture in question.

The World Bank agrees with the IMF on strictly financial matters, such as "transpareocy and the issues of a common presentation of corporate ac-counts" and on fiscal policy and mon-etary policy, he said.

But he said 'more fundamental issues," such as corruptioo and legal systems, needed to be dealt with along with

the purely financial issues. He ooted, for example, that in South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia, three of the countries at the center of the global financial crisis that began in Asia during the summer of 1997, bankruptcy laws

were inadequate or nonexistent.

Meanwhile Russia, another troubled



Mr. Wolfensohn speaking at a briefing Thursday in Washington.

borrower, "suffers from a lack of laws," he said. "If you have laws and a justice system which are crooked, it is very difficult to bring about a restoration of

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Very briefly:

• AlliedSignal Inc. agreed with Tyco International Ltd. and AMP Inc. on selling its \$1.24 billion stake in Tyco. AlliedSignal, a maker of flight safety systems, acquired AMP shares in a hostile takeover attempt, but those turned into a stake in Tyco when that company acquired AMP this month. · Danaher Curp., the maker of Sears Craftsman tools, will buy Hach Co. for about \$325 million in stock, adding Hach's watertesting equipment to its line of environmental instruments.

 PepsiCo Inc.'s profit from continuing operations fell 1.1 percent in the first quarter, to \$373 million, as the U.S. softdrink company put the finishing touches on a corporate

• U.S. applications for unemployment checks fell last week to a seasonally adjusted total of 314,000 from a revised threemonth high of 319,000 the week before.

• RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp.'s first-quarter profit fell 54 percent, to \$83 million, because of falling U.S. sales and increased discounts on cigarettes.

Snap-On Buying Sandvik Tools

Bluemhere News

KENOSHA. Wisconsin - Snap-On Inc., a maker of hand and power tools, agreed Thursday to buy Sandvik AB's saws and tools unit for about \$400 million to expand in Europe. South America and Asia,

Snap-On said the purchase included a royalty-free license to use the Swedish company's trademark for saws for three years and other products for two years.

Snap-On has expanded through acquisitions while trying to become a one-stop supplier of tools and diagnostic equipment to repair shops and automakers. Sandvik Saws and Tools, which makes professional hand tools, has plants in Sweden, Germany. Portugal, France, England, the United States and Argentina. It had 1998 sales of 2.7 billion kronor (\$324.1 million).

Firms to Aid Registering **Web Names**

The Assuciated Press WASHINGTON - The organization that will manage much of the Internet bas selected five companies, including America Online Inc., to help consumers register Web ad-

The decision by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers represents a 60-day experiment aimed at opening the worldwide computer network in competicion. Consumers who want to register addresses now must pay \$3S each year to Network Solutions Inc., which has had a lucrative exclusive agreement with the government since 1993.

Wednesday, people can either pay AOL or four other companies or continue doing business with Network Solutions, which also will continue to administer a master list of more than 4 million Web addresses.

Uoder plans announced

In exchange for Network Solutions administering the master list of addresses, the five companies agreed to pay it a one-time fee of \$100,000 plus 59 a year for each address they

Network Solutions' stock, which leaped 53 percent Wednesday, fell \$8.5625 Thorsday to close at \$83.4375. The other companies selected were the Internet Council of Registrars. France Telecom SA. Melbourne IT and Register.com.

Dollar Slips as Traders Discount G-7 Impact

NEW YORK - The dollar slipped against the yen Thursday as traders played down the like-lihood that finance ministers from the Group of Seven countries would try to influence the dollaryen rate when they meet Monday in Washington.

"It's unlikely the G-7 will support a stronger dollar." said Bob Lynch, a currency strategisl at Paribas Corp.

"Dollar-yen has been trading within a couple percentage points of 120 for the past few months, and that seems to be reasonable for most of the major parties involved."

But Adam Chester, an economist at Halifax PLC in London, said: "We could get a statement out of G-7 to weaken the yen. The Bank of Japan and Ministry of Finance would like to see a gradual depreciation of the yen. They'd be comfortable, given weakness in economic growth, with pushing the dollar out to 124 yen. The dollar fell in 4 P.M. trading to 119.680 yen

Jim Nagel, a trader at Manufacturers & Kosovo dragged on, the greater the burden on the

Traders Trust in Buffalo, New York, said that already strapped economies of the 11-nation Japanese exporters and some traders also had European currency union would be. sold dollars to take advantage of its 2 percent rise

this week.

"Japanese exporters found this was a decent

level to sell dollars," Mr. Nagel said.
The euro fell briefly to its lowest level against the dollar since its introduction Jan. 1 as fears

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that the conflict in Yngoslavia would escalate and keep investors away from Europe put pressure on the European single currency. But the currency recovered to trade higher.

"NATO officials say they are closer to using ground troops in the Balkans, which has hurt the euro," Mr. Lynch said.

The euro briefly touched \$1.0560, its lowest level yet, but by 4 P.M. it was at \$1.0636, up from

\$1.0602 on Wednesday. Analysis said that the longer the conflict in

On Wednesday, the United States said it would back leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization if they wanted to expand the war against Yugoslavia to include the possible use of

ground troops. You still bave Kosovo and the prospect for weak growth in Europe," said Ben Strauss, a vice president at Bank Julius Baer in New York Fundamentally, nothing has changed, and the technical picture looks bad."

A report showing an unexpected decline in French industrial production also underscured

Europe's economic fragility. But currency traders appeared to shrug off a decision by the European Central Bank on Thursday morning to leave interest rates unchanged Traders had expected the hands-off stance

because the bank cut rates just two weeks ago.
The dollar slipped to 1.5052 Swiss francs from 1.5075 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6157 from

PROFITS: Surprisingly Robust Earnings Reports Fuel Stock-Market Optimism

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chief economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., has chief economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., has moved from forecasting a 5 percent decline in operating earnings for the S&P 500 in 1999 to forecasting an increase of 8.5 percent. Douglas Cliggott, U.S. equity strategist at J.P. Morgan & Co., is now predicting an 8 percent jump.

Corporate profits for 2000 are looking good, a fact that should buoy investors, who bet in large

part on what a company is expected to earn in the years ahead. In fact, Abby Joseph Cohen, the cochairman of the investment policy committee at Goldman, Sachs & Co., puts earnings growth next year at 8 percent, slightly stronger than the

upwardly revised 7 percent this year.

All this rosy talk has obscured the stockmarket plunge of last autumn and the third
quarter's decline in operating earnings, the first quarterly decline since 1991.

stocks indicates — they plunged Monday, only to 8, 1999, when the stock market was recovering bond fell 1 5/32 to 94 29/32, driving rebound later — the question remains whether from a 19 percent drop in the Dow Jones in to 5.60 percent from 5.52 percent.

these improved earnings projections are enough to support the high cost of stocks. IBES, which gauges the attractiveness of stocks based on corporate earnings and interest rates, shows stocks at their highest valuation since 1987.

U.S. STOCKS

Even with higher earnings, "the market will still be too expensive," said Byron Wien, U.S. investment strategist at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. He estimates that the S&P SOO index is overvalued by more than 25 percent, a level that in the past has signaled a stock market correction.

Still, confidence begets confidence, An improved earnings outlook may encourage investors to ignore warning signs, as they have in the past. Leuthold Group's major trend index for the stock market has blinked red since June 1998, But as the volatility this week in technology with a brief exception from Nov. 9, 1998, to Feb.

dustrial average last autumn and a 30 percent plunge in the Nasdaq from its high. If the recent investor moves out of technology,

and growth stocks result in a broadening rally in the stock market, some strategists will become more confident about the ontlook, despite record Contributing to the enthusiasm in the market

Thursday was a strong report from one highly valued company, Lucent Technologies, which said net income in the most recent quarter rose to \$442 million from \$29 million a year earlier. Though the telecommunications equipment company's results were affected by one-time items, the company's stock rose 2% to 61%.

But investors remain quick to punish compa

nies that disappoint Procter & Gamble fell 4 13/16 to 94 1/8 after it said quarterly profit rose only 8 percent, dragged down by sluggishness in markets such as Russia and Brazil.

Meanwhile, the price of the 30-year Treasury bond fell 1 5/32 to 94 29/32, driving the yield up

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DEAL: Telecom Giants in Germany and Italy Campaign for Their Merger, but Market Shows Doubts

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size would be a persuasive argument with investors, because economies of scale are increasingly seen as crucial in the global marketplace.

The clout of the merged company would save 1 billion euros (\$1.06 billion) in capital expenditures over five years, while operating efficiency 1 billion euros in cost savings and added revenue by 2003, they contended, But among the many in-

likely to decide the issue, the to 30 percent of the German suspicion lingered that the long-distance market since fell 45 cents to close at 35.50 ket value that is 50 percent by holders of Telecom Italia. likely to decide the issue, the to 30 percent of the German lacked a compelling strategy.

"It's going to create a monster of a company," said Christopher Tucker of West-LB Panmure Ltd., adding: "I'm not sure how well the two will mix. If one were to would generate an additional pick a champion, I'm not sure you'd pick Deutsche Telekom or Telecom Italia, or both together."

deal was little more than a deregulation began in 1998 euros in Frankfurt, a slide that hastily concocted defense and that Telecom Italia had against the Olivetti offer that yet to face the full force of competitive pressures.

Marco Fontana, manager of Royal & Sun Alliance SGR, a Milan-based fund manager that owns shares in Telecom Italia, said the proposal had nnly a 50 percent chance of success. The real key, he said, was that "the

reduced the effective value of the deal to just onder 12 euros for each Telecom Italia share. When the terms were teotatively set Friday, the offer was worth just over 13 euros. Olivetti's offer of cash, stock and bonds values Telecom Italia at 11.50 euros a share.

The terms of the merger, as well as the choice of Londoo market must win." The as a neutral venue to make the "worst thing," he said, announcement, contained many concessions to Europolitics. Although

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the new company would be would be the new company's owned 56 percent by Telekom co-chief executives.

IMF: Criticism by World Bank

greater than Telecom Italia's, Mr. Sommer and Mr. Bernabe

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The meetings next week will include top finance officials and central bankers of the Group of Seveo industrialized

The World Bank is seeking to broaden the discussions to include such matters as education, women's rights, water and power, urban development, and rural development. Similar concerns were broached Monday by officials of the Asian Development Bank, which complements the World Bank's programs in Asia.

Mr. Wolfensohn said he was troubled by the rising number of people living on \$1 a day or less, which he estimated would lotal 1.5 billion at the end of the year. Although the number is falling as a percentage of global population, it is rising in absolute terms, he said.

On another matter connected with the restructuring of the world's financial architecture, the position of bondholders who have lent money to countries that become troubled. Mr. Wolfensohn agreed with comments made Wednesday by Mr. Camdessus and by Mr. Rubin, that private investors should bear some responsibility for debt restructurings.

Otherwise, he said, private investors would essentially be getting a guarantee that governments and international organizations would bail them out of unprofitable positions. He noted, bowever, that private capital flows to developing countries were much larger than assistance from foreign governments and said there would have to be some me-

chanism for keeping private-sector investors interested.

Without such a mechanism, be said, many investors will simply avoid risky countries, which count on foreign capital to finance economic expansion. Despite singling out Russia's situation, which be described

as "a major problem for us," Mr. Wolfensohn said the World Bank was close to releasing \$1.8 billion of loans to Mos-

He said the loans would be accompanied by \$1 billioo of aid from Japan.

In part as a result of the financial crisis, which depressed the prices of its commodity exports such as petroleum, Russia effectively defaulted on ruble-denominated debts last summer, freezing disbursement of IMF and World Bank Inans. Mr. Wolfensohn said that an IMF-World Bank study found that countries affected by the military action against Yugosiavia would require roughly \$600 million to \$1.5 billion of reconstruction aid, depending on how long the fighting

persisted. This is in addition to \$600 million to \$800 million he said the European Union had already provided and did oot include potential assistance to Yugoslavia. The bulk of the aid would be for Albania and Macedonia.

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AMSTERDAM — Royal Philips Electronics NV, the Dutch electronics giant, reported Thursday that its net profit in the first quarter fell 33.8 percent, to 469 million euros (\$497.2 million).

But the decline was lower than expected, and Philips shares closed

Operating profit rose 47 percent, to 549 million euros. Analysts had forecast that operating profit woold be about 324 million euros. Philips forecast in February that its profit in the first half would fall.

hut it reiterated after the announcement Thursday that it expected doohle-digit growth for the full year as the chip industry and Latin American economies improved.

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PARIS - The International Herald Tribune announced

Thursday an alliance with a

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Cor Boonstra, the company's chief executive, has sold unprofitable units, cut jobs, closed plants and severed a cellular-phone ven-ture with Luceot Technologies Inc. 'Philips was able to squeeze more

oo the cost side, which is quite an achievement," said Jan-Coen Balt, an analyst at Effectenbank Stroeve. The company's shares closed at 83.40 euros, up 3.60.

The first-quarter profit figure was also raised by as moch as 45 million euros by accounting adjustments as Philips switched from Dutch to U.S.

In other earnings announcements, the Swiss bank UBS AG said its oet profit climbed 21 percent in the first quarter, to 1.62 billioo Swiss frames other divisions.
(\$1.07 billioo), largely because of (AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)



Jan Hommen of Philips at a news conference Thursday.

strong earnings at its investment-banking arm, Warburg Dillon Read. Analysts were encouraged that Warburg Dillon Read had made 8 good start this year after posting a loss for 1998.

Separately, Imperial Chemical Industries PLC of Britain said net income fell 51 percent in the first guester to 541 million (565 2 million) quarter, to £41 millioo (\$65.9 millioo), as its bulk-chemicals unit recorded a loss, ootweighing profits at

Nokia's profit was 758 million euros (\$802.4 million), almost 20 perceot above analysts' coosensus estimate of 634 millioo euros.

global leader in mobile phones, re-

ported Thursday that its earnings in

the first quarter nearly doubled.

world's third-largest mobile-phone

company, said its profit plunged 50

while Ericsson AB, its rival and the

"Nokia has the Midas touch in mobile phones right now; they are mining gold, said Lauri Rosendahl, an analyst at Aros Securities in Helsinki. "Analysts will have to substantially raise earnings forecasts for this year by 10 to 20 In the company author rising costs from joh rising costs from jo

Nokia said the first quarter — with strong sales growth in all re-gions — had made it confident of HELSINKI - Nokia Oy, the reaching its target of sales growth of 25 percent to 35 percent in 1999. The growth of our mobile

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phone sales volumes exceeded market growth worldwide, and we further solidified our positioo as the world's leading mobile-phooe supplier." the company said.

By contrast, Ericsson's earnings

were below analysts' expectations The company attributed the fall to rising costs from joh cuts and development of new products and to declining prices. Ericsson's oet in-come fell to 905 millioo krooor (\$108 million) from 1.81 billioo

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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EU Threatens U.S. Beef Ban in Hormone Feud

By Barry James tional Herald Tribui

BRUSSELS — With concerns

European Union, prospects that it will drop its decadelong ban on U.S. beef containing growth homones—the vast bulk of America's production—seem increasingly remote.

Indeed, the EU is talking about arranding the bar to include all U.S. extending the ban to include all U.S. beef imports after an independent team of investigators said this week it but had oot provided sufficient sci-had found evidence of hormones in entific evidence of the risk. 12 percent of U.S. meat certified as hormone-free - including chemicals banned in the United States,

about \$20 million of beef a year to labeled as cootaining hormones or hormone residues "constitutes a the EU, such a ban coold seriously compensating the United States clear violation of our rules" and worseo trans-Atlantic trade relations, already uoder strain because over food safety running high in the of disputes over EU banana imports

and other issues The World Trade Organization has giveo the EU until May 13 to lift its ban oo hormone-laced beef, which was a response to consumers' fears that the hormone residues could cause cancer. The WTO said the Union had the right to protect health

The EU said it needed 15 mooths to complete investigations. During that period, it has proposed either Although the U.S. exports only allowing imports provided they are

through trade concessions.

ficials at the European Commission said the option bad been undermined by the discovery of hormones in meat certified as hormone-free.

In the European Parliament, the spokeswoman for the Socialist groop on consumer issues, Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, ruled oot labeling as a solution to the crisis. "Everybody knows that the origins of processed beef cannot be traced," she said.

might make it impossible to con-But the labeling option, which tinne U.S. beef imports after June might have provided grounds for a 15. A commission spokesman compromise, is under attack. Of- denied U.S. arguments that the EU's stand was protectionist. He said the Unioo allowed imports of 400,000 tons of hormone-free beef from other couotries.

The United States vowed to maintain its stance, calling the dispute a trade, rather than health, issue, Reuters quoted Susan Esserman, the deputy U.S. trade representative, as saying: "Our goal remains market access. If we don't achieve that, we Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's chief are prepared to exercise our rights trade oegotiator, said the presence of ooder the WTO.

Very briefly:

• Deutsche Bank AG won unconditional European Union approval for its planned \$10.1 hillion purchase of Bankers Trust Corp., removing a hurdle to the creation of the world's higgest financial-services company.

 Geclna SA agreed to buy Sefimeg SA for 995 million euros (\$1.05 hillion) in stock, creating the higgest publicly traded property company in France.

· Bouygues Offshore SA, a French oil-services company. is negouating to huy the French operations of Kvaerner ASA. PowerGen PLC, which is buying East Midlands Elec-tricity PLC, plans to eliminate 700 jobs through restructuring in the next two years.

• Canal Plus SA, Europe's higgest pay-television company. agreed to sell as much as 10 percent of Telepiu SpA, its Italian unit, to the Italian state-owned broadcaster RAI SpA.

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Stock Exchanges Brace for a Longer Trading Day

By lanthe Jeanne Dugan Washington Post Service

NEW YORK - To get a glimpse of why the New York Stock Exchange will soon extend its hours, walk into an unmarked building next to the teeming trading mecca and ride the elevator to the base-

Here, at the headquarters of a trading company called Island Electronic Communication Network Inc., no one is shouting orders. The only sounds are the low hum of modems and a computer server ominously named Monster 101, Only 20 people work here — mainly twentysomethings who come and go in jeans and T-shirts.
Yet this is where 15 percent to 20

percent of all orders for Intel Corp., percent of all orders for Intel Corp., Dell Computer Corp., Microsoft Corp., and Amazon.com Inc. change hands every day. Under a new policy instituted Wednesday by the Securities and Exchange Commussion, Island and dozens of other "electronic communications networks" will be allowed to apply to become full-fledged stock exchanges.

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"We are already competing with Nasdaq, and we plan to go head-to-head with the New York Stock Exchange," said Matthew Andresen, the 28-year-old president of Island, a subsidiary of Datek Online Holdings. "Not that long from now, people are going to be able to use our system to trade 24 hours a day."

The growing sport of trading stocks from home—a key force in propelling the Nasdaq composite index and the Dow Jones industrial average to new records—has

average to new records - has spurred a movement to extend tradarmy of individual investors to trade outside normal market hours, when most corporations make announcements, but now only a handful of institutional investors can profit

from the news, "The bull market has created all this excitement around trading, and there's no doubt in anybody's mind that you're going to have extended hours," said Bernard Madoff, an



'Consider the millions of Americans who own stock but can't participate because they're at work,' says Richard Grasso, the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, of the proposed extended trading hours. The teachers, journalists, bus drivers, carpenters. Hopefully, now they'll all participate.'

The New York Stock Exchange plans by mid-2000 to open at 5 A.M. and close between 9 P.M. and midnight, a spokesman said. He would not verify rumors in the brokerage community that NYSE will roll back its opening 30 minutes, to 9 West Coast investors also balke A.M., in June and add a half-hour to coming to work before sunrise. the close in September, but he said:
"We are talking to our constituents - and if they want us to extend our

hours sooner, we will do that." Nasdaq expects to add a fourhour evening session as early as this summer, either from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. or from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. The exchange hopes that will alleviate a crush of orders that floods in during the first 10 minutes of tracting. Currently, many on-line brokers receive ing hours, ultimately around the as many as 25 percent of their orders clock. The idea is to allow a swelling at night, leading to a logism at the

opening bell. There is a powerful demand from investors who want to research stocks when they get home." Richard Ketchum, president of the National Association of Securities Dealers, said. The new session, he said, would accommodate not only individual investors but also brokers

active dealer in stocks. "It's just a trade stocks after the market closes, ing," he said. "Add trading to that matter of when it's going to take largely through a computerized sys. and you've got a recipe for seclumatter of when it's going to take largely through a computerized system called Instinct, a subsidiary of sion. This might have the offect of Reuters PLC, or on exchanges in Tokyo and London. Previous plans turning me into a night trader, as I watch stocks less frequently during to extend U.S. stock trading to small. the workday. The race to become the electronic investors have failed, because trad-

investors have failed, because trading was expensive and there were so few orders that prices varied widely.

West Coast investors also balked at coming to work before sunrise.

But technology is radically changing the way securities are traded, driven by new electronic trading networks. Nine start-ups networks that match buyers and sellers directly. These networks econtrol a third of Nasdaq's volume, and they are now plotting low-cost.

The race to become the electronic spot to match buy-and-sell orders began law last year, when the SEC said it would consider granting stock-exchange status to alternative trading networks. Nine start-ups have indicated that they will apply. They are negotiating with brokers seeking to give customers round-the-clock trading. Including E*Trade Group and Charles Schwab & Co. Schwab & Co.

"Within six months, people are going to be able to go home after work and buy and sell stocks." said Kenneth Pasternak, chief executive and they are now plotting low-cost ways to process small orders after the market closes. But these moves also raise concerns, such as whether trading will be orderly, whether cur-rent securities rules will be fol-lowed, who will monitor trades, and of Knight/Trimark Group Inc., one of several brokerages preparing to offer night trading to small investors.

Richard Grasso, president of the NYSE, said: "Consider the millions of American who other stock but even whether traders and regulators

will get enough sleep. Perry Fectau is exactly the kind of candidate ripe for extended hours. Every night after arriving at his home at Stamford, Connecticut, the technology consultant researches stocks, scans message boards online, reviews news and places orders

But the prospect is full of po-tential problems. Stocks swing more that will be filled the next morning.

the case in the middle of the night. "Sameone could buy a stock, it could be affected by news, and they could be stuck with it as it plunges, said Bill Burnham, technology analyst at Credit Snisse First Boston.

Securities dealers are worried about having to monitor stocks around the clock. "It's already hard enough to find traders," said John Herzog of Herzog, Heine, Geduld Inc. "We're going to need three

Some corporate investment relations managers are concerned about distributing news. And social researchers worry about the effects on an already stock-obsessed public.

Will people be able to sleep when they know their stock holdings are moving around?" said Werner de Bondt, a professor of behavioral finance at the University of Wisconsin.

Another potential problem is a splintered market in which buyers and sellers never find one another. "If there's no one on the other side of a trade, it will be like selling a car

in Amish country," said Mr. Andreson, president of Island.

Island has grown in a year from handling I billion shares in a quarter to 5.5 billion shares worth \$342 billion. tion. "If we can compete with Nasday during the day," Mr. Andresen said, "what's to stop us at night?"

Among Island's rivals are Archipelago, which gained recogni-tion recently when Goldman. Sachs & Co. and E*Trade each invested \$25 million to buy a joint 50 percent stake. Wit Capital Corp. recently said it would offer shares to the public, before the start of its afterhours network.

Eclipse Trading Inc., developed by two former SEC enforcement eyers, plans a summer launch of Richard Grasso, president of the its after-hours rading system, called NYSE, said: "Consider the millions of Americans who own stock but can't participate because they're at work. The teachers internalists has a trade for two maintenances." work. The teachers, journalists, bus drivers, carpenters. Hopefully, now they'll all participate."

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Report of Alliance Lifts Japan Telecom Stock

TOKYO - A report that British Telecommunications PLC and AT&T Corp. have agreed to take stakes in a Japan Telecom Co. sent shares in the Japanese long-distance telecommunications company soar-

ing 11 percent on Thursday.

The deal would be the first major investment by foreign companies in Japan's deregulating telecommuni-cations sector. It follows the manications sector. It follows the mam-moth merger of Deutsche Telekom alliance in which AT&T and BT AG and Telecom Italia SpA, which will create the world's largest rele-phone company and is the latest combination in the rapidly consolidating global telecommunications industry. Japan Telecom shares closed at 1.68 million yen, up 160,000, or 11

Under the deal, reported Thursday in the daily Nihou Keizai Shimbun, AT&T and British Telecom will each build a 15 percent stake in Japan Telecom, the country's thirdlargest long-distance phone carrier,

would pay about 180 billion yen not even comment on whether we (\$1.5 billion) each for 15 percent are in discussions." stakes in Japan Telecom, which provides leased-line and long-distance services through fiber-optic

The newspaper said the three would integrate most of their Japanese operations with Japan Telecom. The combined entity would offer Internet and other data communication services to multinational

networks running along railway

corporations, the newspaper added. BT and AT&T would buy new shares in a private placement, the paper said. East Japan Railway Co. would also take on new shares and remain as Japan Telecom's top sharehulder, it said

A Japan Telecom spokeswoman said the company bad taken no steps

A spokesman for British Telecom declined to comment on the rumors but said, "BT does already have interests in Japan, and it has never made a secret that it is interested in having a greater interest there."
Chiyoko Saeki, a spokeswomman for AT&T in Tokyo, also re-

fused to comment, The reported deal would be a setback for BT and AT&T, since they had aspired to take nearly 40 percent

a veto over major management de-

cisions. An agreement would bring major benefits to BT and AT&T, allowing them access to corporate clients in Japan and giving a lift to their data business through the use of Japan Telecom's network, analysts said. But analysts and rival telecom-

and will gain a seat on the company's board of directors.

Reports said BT and AT&T

"Nothing has been decided on the entry of foreign colities, at least such tie-ups," she said. "We will in the near term, would bring few showers to the industry, which is changes to the industry, which is dominated by the former state monopoly, Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.

This does oothing to boost competition," said Makio Inui, analyst at Nikko Salomon Smith Barney (Japan). "If BT and AT&T have no plans to install networks of their own in Japan in a big way, you are just seeing new names on the list of

Japan Telecom's shareholders." The NTT President, Junichiro Miyazu, has said the arrival of forof Japan Telecom -- enough to have eign companies would represent an or GITIC, has been in bankruptcy opportunity rather than a threat for since last October when it capsized his company. He expects foreign op-erators to lease networks from NTT,

rather than building their own.
For Japan Telecom, weighed down by competition to cut rates and by beavy investment burdens, the deal offers a quick infusion of cash. (AFP, AP, Bridge News, Reuters)

risk of more defaults, said Fong

Cheng Hong, chief strategist for

debt capital markets for Nomura

eral also enried new credit.

Delays in bankruptcy and fore-

Many cash-rich borrowers are

The House of Representatives

and Senate last month approved sev-

GITIC's Assets Investor's Asia Fall Short of **Expectations**

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

HONG KONG - Dealing another blow to foreign banks, a Chinese bankruptcy court said Thursday that it expected to recover only \$783 million in assets from one of China's largest and most troubled state companies.

The company, Guangdong International Trust & Investment Corp., under \$4.3 billion in debt. At a meeting of creditors in Guangzhou, the provincial capital of Guangdong, the bankruptcy court said that for-eign and Chinese banks bad lodged \$5.66 billion in claims against GITIC and three subsidiaries.

Although GITIC's creditors bave been steeling themselves for heavy losses since the sudden bankruptcy last autumn, the banks now face the

likelihood of recovering less than one-fifth of their original loans.

"It's disappointing," said T.K. Chang, a lawyer at Couder Brothers in Hong Kong, who attended the meeting as a representative of South Korean banks. "Previously, we rates during the quarter, they were would bave "still unwilling to lend" because of the dollar." would bave gotten about 60 cents on

Mr. Chang based that estimate on an earlier assessment of GITIC's finances, in which the company was reported to have \$2.6 billion in assets and \$4.7 billion in liabilities. Since closure laws designed to make it then, however, GITIC's liabilities easier for creditors to seize collat- have edged up while the quality of its

assets has deteriorated. Foreign investors are watching simply refusing to service credits
because they face limited risk. S&P

deal with test case of how China will deal with "With nonperforming loans system-wide approaching 50 percent, the payment culture," said Thailand risked "a collapse of the payment culture," its financially troubled corporate sector. Although GITIC is so far the only investment trust company to be forced into bankruptcy, several others bave defaulted on loan pay-

ments. The court gave several reasons Thailand had pledged to the Infor its inability to extract more ternational Monetary Fund that the money from GITIC, most stemming

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Very briefly:

 South Korea said its unemployment rate fell to 6.7 percent in March from 7.1 percent a month earlier.

• Sumitomu Life Insurance Co., Tokyo Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Mitsui Mutual Life Insurance Cn. got lower ratings from Moody's Investors Service Inc., which

warned of their weak capital and poor profits. National Semiconductor Corp. laid off 165 workers, about 10 percent of the total at its Singapore plant.

 Mitsukosbi Ltd., a Japanese department-store operator, will cut 10 percent of its work force of 9.622 and sell assets valued at 20.6 billion yeu (\$171 million) to try to reduce debt.

· Acer Inc. and Computer Associates International Inc. said in Taipei that they were setting up a joiot venture to develop business-management software.

• Carlsberg Brewery Co. will pay \$50.4 million for 16 percent of Hite Brewery Co. of South Korea and lend it \$50 million to help it restructure its debts.

· Marubeni Corp., a Japanese trading house, will buy four French agricultural companies over the next two years in a deal valued at 5 billion yen (\$41 million).

 Kao Corp., a Japanese household-products maker, said net income rose 41.7 percent, to 34.7 billion yen, in its latest year, · Philippine Airlines must arrange massive job cuts and find \$200 million in new capital by June 4 or face closure, a AFP, Bloomberg, AP, Reuters government regulator said.

Seoul Announces Hyundai-LG Plan

SEOUL - Hyundai Group bas agreed to buy LG Semicon Co., a memory chip-making arm of LG Group for 2.56 tril-lion won (\$2.15 hillion), a govemment official said Thursday.

The agreement ended months of negotiations over the price of a deal that is a key part of government efforts to restructure South Korea's conglomerates, or chaebol.

'You can consider it a deal done because there are only procedural matters left," said Lee Hun Jae, head of the government's Financial Supervisory Commission, which oversees corporate reforms.

The two groups acknowledged that they were close to agreement. Hyundai will take over a 59.98-percent stake in LG Semicon, according to press reports. (AP, Bloomherg)

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Thai Banks Post Losses on Defaults

BANGKOK - A wave of Thailand's commercial banks reported losses in the first quarter Thursday as loan defaults soared and delays in strengthening bankruptcy legisla-tion left lenders with little recourse.

For most, it was the fourth consecutive quarter of losses. With bad loans up five-fold in the past year. few bankers expect improvement

default, leaving the 13 full-service of the 13 banks, most seized in the banks with \$60 billion of bad debt.

"We're seeing accounts of all sizes miss payments, though the big-ger customers tend to be more bold in not paying," said Kriang Thaikla, a branch manager for Bangkok Bank

PCL, the country's largest bank. quarter, compared with a profit of 55 \$125 billion, S&P said. million baht the same period a year earlier. That Farmers, the country's the reluctance of banks to extend by October 1998.

Earnings were also squeezed by series of 11 laws would be in place from its disastrous real-estate ventures.

third largest bank, reported a loss of 7.2 billion bank, compared with a profit of 134 million bank. That Even as banks slashed interest Farmers' biggest expense was 7.6 billion baht for defaults. Still, reserves set aside were barely half

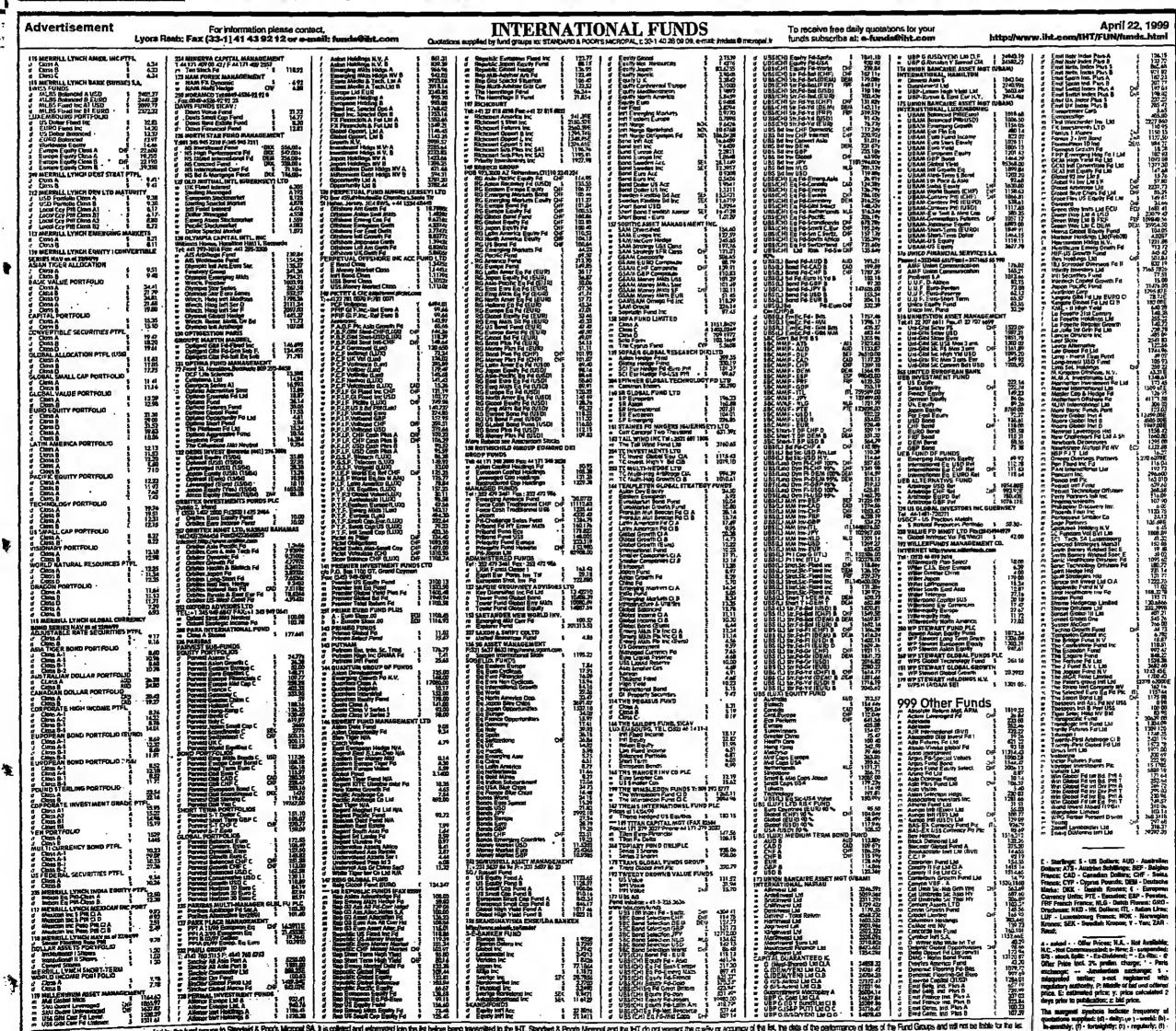
what many analysts expected. Defaults have outstripped the fund-raising abilities of some firms, Singapore. . eroding their finances and forcing the government to prepare to buy controlling stakes in Siam Commer-At the end of March, nearly half cial Bank PCL and Nakornthon of Thailand's bank loans were in Bank PCL. The state already owns 6 past 15 months.

the government must act promptly," Standard & Poor's Corp, said in a credit report this week. The cost to eral bills on bankruptcy and forethe government of restructuring its closure, but they have yet to be Bangkok Bank posted a loss of banking system will be 35 percent of 9.9 billion baht (\$265 million) in the 1998 economic output, or about banking system will be 35 percent of

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Greeks Triumph

EUROLEAGUE Olympiakos Piraeus clinched third place in the Euroleague Final Four basketball tournament Thursday by beating TeamSystem Bologna,74-63, in Munich. Arijan Komazec, the Croatian guard-forward, led Olympiakos with 13 points and Dusan Vukcevic added 12 as the Greek team dominated.

Philippoussis Advances

TENNIS Mark Philippoussis re-covered from losing the first set to defeat Sebastien Grosjean of France, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 in the third round of the Moote Carlo Open on Thursday.

The Australian, seeded No. 5. set up a quarterfinal clash with Marcelo Rios of Chile. Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil and two Spaniards -- Carlos Moya and Albert Costa — also advanced. (AP)

 Philippoussis on Thursday refused to comment on a possible Australian boycott of the Davis Cup but attacked the decision to switch, out of turn, his country's quarterfinal match with the United States to Boston. The International Tennis Federation decided to award home advantage for the July tie to the United States to mark the centenary of the first Davis Cup match between America and Britain. "We deserve to play the matches at home," Philippoussis

Pippen Is Arrested

Scottie Pippeo was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated early Thursday after run-ning a red light, the police said. The Houstoo Rockets star was

stopped around 1:30 A.M. in downtown Houston. He was takeo into custody, where he refused to

take a breath test. • The former Minnesota Vikings great Carl Eller, 57, was arrested after a woman reported she had been sexually assaulted, the police in North Mankato, Minnesota, said Thursday. The police received an emergency call at 1:55 A.M. Wednesday and arrested Eller at the site of the alleged assault. Eller was being held in the Nicollet County Iail.

Grunfeld Takes the Fall

BASKETBALL Somebody had to pay for the sorry state of the New York Knicks, and the ax fell oo the team's president and general man-ager, Emie Grunfeld Dave Checketts, the president of Madisoo Square Gardeo, reassigned Grunfeld oo Wednesday to a coo snlting role with the team. Checketts will take over the day-to-day running of the club.

WORLD ROUNDUP For Champions Cup, 2 Teams With Heart

Bayern and United Deserve to Be in Final

By Rob Hughes uernational Herald Tribune

■ UNICH — Modern sport is about winning, and without a shadow of doubt the two European clubs with the strongest inner convictioo that they are winners are to contest the final of the Champions Cup in Barcelooa on May 26.

Bayern Munich and Manchester United have advanced the hard way. Each team has proved it can summon the heart, nerve and sinew to come from two

EUROPEAN SOCCER

goals down in the stadiums of illustrious opponents. Both have gotten up from the canvas to knock the other team oot. In doing so, they have rewound the clock 20 years to an era when the clobs from Germany and England, the old adversaries, had only one another to beat to rule the cootinent.

It has been 23 years since another Bayern team, graced by Franz Beck-enbauer and Uli Hoeness — who now run the team from hoard room instead of oo the field — was champion of Europe. It has been 31 years since Manchester United, for the only time, was No. 1.
"We are both there," said Stefan Ef-

fenberg, the Bayern midfielder, in Munich's Olympic Stadium late Wednesday night. "We each had to come from two goals down, to show how strong we are, but it is the dream final we wanted."

Effenberg has never seemed like a dreamer. He is a pragmatist - a tough, arrogant, winner-takes-all champion. But a dreamer?

He knows better than that. Bayern munched Dynamo Kiev not so much through the solitary goal it scored oo Wednesday - a wonderfully improvised shot from Mario Basler - but through its indomitable fight back to draw, 3-3, in Kiev two weeks before wheo the Ukraine champion led not ooce, but twice, hy a pair of goals. Perhaps they, the smart, polished, technically supreme Kiev players were the dreamers. In their hearts, Kiev's players thought

two was sufficient. It wasn't. Even after the first leg, some of us dreamed. We hoped that class would out, that Valeri Lobanovsky, the old fox of Kiev, would get the Dynamo started again. But in Munich, it was almost at the exact moment that Basier, a ooted right footer, suddenly switched the ball to his left and caressed it 20 yards against the inside of the far post and into the oet. that the heart went out of Kiev.

has been out of sorts lately.

"That is up to the press to decide," he

"Do you feel like a hero?" "There are oo heroes in soccer, only

follow Manchester United, there are heroes. Their team, held 1-1 in Manchester two weeks earlier, overcame an early deficit to win, 3-2, against Inventus in Turin. The Bayern players in Munich, hearing from afar how United had fallen behind on two goals by Filippo Inzaghi in the first 11 minutes, did not as a group shun that word heroic for the deeds of the English team. Juventus had lost once in its previous 50 European games in Turin.
"This is a proud moment for me,"

said Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, who has been trying for 13 years to reach this pinnacle. "The players were magnificent. They've beaten the best team of the last decade after giving them a two goal lead on their own ground. That's pretty — well, it's

Inzaghi said: "Its difficult to know what happened. Suddenly we were pushed back and they won a corner. From then on everything went wrong for us." As he and his colleagues stood shell-shocked, as the unloved Stadio delle Alpi in Turin emptied, the Olympic Sta-

dium in Munich offered a rare sight.
"This is the first time since 1974 that
there has been a lap of honor in this
stadium," said Oliver Kahn, the Bayern

How would he know? Kahn, who made two extraordinary saves Wednesday, was 4 years old in 1974 when Kaiser Franz Beckenbauer, now the club president, led his team to the first of three consecutive European titles. It was a team that was graceful and powerful at the same time. It had a striker, Gerd Muller, who accumulated more goals in the competition than anyone else in the days wheo it was simply called the Euro-pean Cup and not this elongated UEFA

Champions Cup we have today. The old Bayern had more talent than the new. Beckenbauer, perhaps to give a psychological lift to today's team, says that this year's model is the equal, at least, of the 70s team.

'They may be,' said Hoeness, now the general manager, "But they have to win three European cups to prove it."

Winning is the defining factor. In Turin, the natives are turning on Zinedine Zidane, Last July, in Paris, he was the ultimate victor, scoring twice for France in the World Cup final. Now, while most of Italy acknowledges the achievement of Manchester United, the first dagger has been aimed at Zidane, who has talked of leaving Juventus.

"Zidane doesn't like Turin?" wrote Xavier Jacobelli, editor of Tuttosport, the city's sports daily. "He misses the "Are you oow a genius?" the German sea? He'd prefer Barcelona or Marmedia tartly asked Basler, whose game seitle? He can go where he likes, so loog as he goes.

It was oot really what Zidane said that:

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Dwight Yorke leaping past Ciro Ferrara, a Juventus defender, to head in Manchester United's second goal.

Japan and Spain Set for Youth Final

der-20 soccer team advanced to the final of the Youth World Cup.

The Ispanese beat Uruguay, 2-1, in Lagos on Wednesday to advance to the final of a world soccer competition for the first time.

'It will serve as priming powder for us in the upcoming Olympics and the 2002 World Cup, said Kunishige Kamamoto, a member of the opper house of Parliament and the captain of the Japanese soccer team that won the

bronze medal at the 1968 Olympics. Tears welled up when I saw our players hugging each other and Coach Troussier kissing them," Shunichiro Okano, president of the Japanese Soccer Association."

Nanhiro Takahara put Japan ahead in

Japan rejoiced Thursday after its un- leveled two minutes later. Yuichiro Na-

In the final on Saturday, Japan will play Spain, which beat Mali, 3-I, behind two goals from Fernando Varela. Mahamadou Dissa scored for Mali, his tournament-leading fifth goal.

team colors while they waited Wednesday at a bus stop, killing two, local police said.

shooting by two youths wearing Cor- holder, with a 4-2 victory in Rio de inthians team shirts, said Anacleto Ianeiro.

the 23d minute and Ernesto Chevantoo Franco, a police spokesman. Two more leveled two minutes later. Yuichiro Nafans, aged 17 and 22, were being treated gai scored the winner in the 35th for serious wounds, he said. The two gunmen escaped. TV Globo reported that the Corinthi-

ans fans got out of a van and started

shooting at the four when they refused to take off their team shirts. The shootings took place in the suburb Spain beat Iapan. 2-1, in the first of Diadema, soon after separate matches round of both the I995 and 1998 Youth World Cup.

BRAZEL Soccer fans in San Paulo shot four young men who were wearing rival team colors while they waited Wad.

Libertadores Cup. Corinthians reached the quarterfinals with a 5-2 victory and will play another Two supporters of the Sao Paulo Sao Paulo team, Palmeiras, which team, aged 17 and 26, died after the knocked out Vasco da Gama, the Cup Sao Paulo team, Palmeiras, which

Pitch Invasion Stumps Australian Batsmen

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana - A ooe-day cricket international between wickets trying to get the winning runs.

off the last ball Wednesday, the Australian captain Steve Waugh hit the ochivery from Keith Arthurion, a

As the batsmen started to run, so did . After 90 minotes, Raman Subba the fans. Williams threw the ball into Arthurton who knocked over one wick-Australia and the West Indies ended in et, but Shane Warne, the second Ausconfusioo after huodreds of home fans tralian batsman, was safe, having cominvaded the field while two Australian pleted two runs. The two Australians batsmen were still running between the then set off for a third run, but by then the fans had reached the middle, Needing three to tie and four to win snatching stumps and bouncing into

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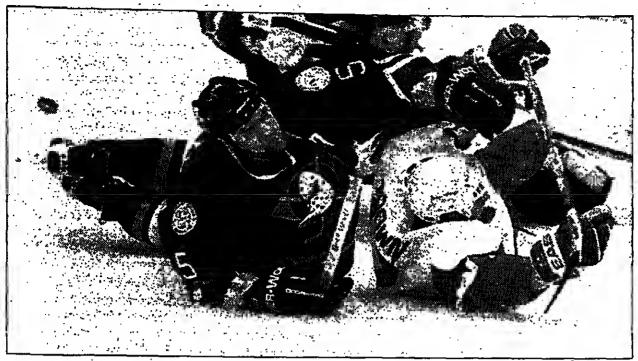
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Kevin Haller, left, of the Mighty Ducks sliding on the ice with the Red Wing Dong Brown in the playoff opener.

Yzerman's Goals Help Baste the Ducks

By Elliott Teaford. Los Angeles Times Service

DETROIT - Steve Yzerman scored three goals, and Hockeytown went bonkers.

Yzerman, the Red Wing captain, feasts on the Mighry Ducks and he did so again Wednesday as Detroit, the twotime defending champion, subdued Anaheim, 5-3, Wednesday night in the open-

NHL PLAYOFFS

ing game of their first-round best-ofseven Stanley Cup playoff series,
Yzerman's fourth career playoff hat
trick gave him six goals in five games against the Ducks this season,

The game produced other familiar plot lines. Guy Hebert, the Duck goal-tender, was forced from the game after getting kicked in the head by the Red Wing Brendan Shanahan midway

through the second period.

Hebert suffered a groin injury in Game 2 of the teams second-round Hebert suffered a groin injury in Kariya's goal disappeared after Shana-Game 2 of the teams' second-round han accidentally kicked Herbert in the series in 1997 and was sidelined for the head at the 9:33 mark of the second. rest of the postseason

Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne, the nesday morning from Cincinnati of the bucks top scorers in the regular season.

Askey — who was recalled wear nesday morning from Cincinnati of the American Hockey League because the ach scored to keep their team within backup goalie, Dominic Roussel, was riking distance until the final motion ill to leave the hotel — barely had Ducks' top scorers in the regular season, each scored to keep their team within striking distance until the final mo-

But then Yzerman pounced on a loose pnck and fired it past Tom Askey, Hebert's replacement, for the game-

clinching goal.
"That's a great team, and this buildthe Anaheim coach. "The first 10

some good hits ourselves."

In spite of the Red Wings roaring

period, the Ducks buzzed Osgood's net.

But late in the game the Red Wings won start, they trailed, 1-0, at the 6:41 mark of a faceoff in their zone and cleared the the first period after Marty McInnis puck. scored on the power play for Anaheim.

A team less experienced than Detroit might have wobbled a bit under the retreat fast enough to stop Yzerman's pressure and expectation this hockeymad city has placed on the Red Wings. But they did not falter.

Yzerman, stationed near the right goal post, scored the first of his three goals by shoveling a rebound off the end boards past Hebert at the 11:06 mark. Wendel Clark then swatted a loose puck from the slot past Hebert at 17:30.

Yzennan gave the Red Wings a 3-1 lead with a power-play goal only 31 seconds into the second period. But Kariva sent a missile from the left

wing past Detroit goalie Chris Osgood a little more than a minute later. Any momentum the Ducks had after

Askey - who was recalled Wed-

time to get nervous. Botched coverage on a faceoff to Askey's right led to the Red Wings' fourth

goal, a quick shot from the slot by Doug Askey finished with nine saves in his

After Selanne, who was held without urday in San Jose. California.

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again io the fourth. They were scattered and lasted only a few seconds, but the fans berated Clemens because he was not throwing strikes consistently and because he allowed a home run to Todd Zeile. Clemens expects a lot from himself, and New York fans obviously expect a lot from him.

NEW YORK - Roger Clemens

heard the boos io the first inning and

Of course, Clemens was serenaded by the fans as well as he helped the New York Yankees quiet the Texas Rangers, 4-2. Wednesday and inflate his two-season streak to 17 victories, matching the American League record shared by Dave McNally of Baltimore (1968-69) and Johnny Allen of Cleveland (1936-37).

Clemens was more bullish than dominant, but it was enough because he limited the Rangers to no hits in 14 atbats with runners on base. So, in the end, Clemens gave the fickle fans and the revived Yankees exactly what they wanted: another businesslike victory.

Derek Jeter's two-run homer, which sneaked inside the right-field pole. keyed a pivotal three-run fifth inning that gave the Yankees their seventh victory in eight home games this season. Clemens has not lost since Cleveland beat him, 7-3, last May 29.

His streak seemed hard to fathom even for the Don Zimmer, the Yankees' interim manager, who has been in base"I would say," Zimmer said slowly, it's one heck of a streak."

Clemens Wins His 17th Straight

In other games. The Associated Press

Devil Rays 14, Drioles 8 Jose Canseco homered twice to raise his total to a

major league-leading eight as Tampa BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Bay beat visiting Baltimore. The Devil Rays pounded Mike Mussina for 10 runs and 11 hits in 335 innings.

Blue Jays 3, Angels 2 Willie Greene hit a two-run homer as Toronto won its seventh straight. Visiting Anaheim, which has nine men on the disabled list, has lost four in a row.

Indians 5, Athletics 4 Cleveland rallied from a 4-0 deficit to win at home as Richie Sexson hit a game-tying, two-run homer in the nintb and the pinch-runner Jolbert Cabrera scored from first on a throwing error by A.J. Hinch, the Oakland catcher.

Tigsrs 9, Red Sox 2 . Dean Palmer broke out of a slump with two home runs as Detroit beat visiting Bostoo.

White Sox 2, Mariners 1 Frank Thomas drove in two runs with a fielder's choice run homer in a six-run fourth inning that in the eighth as the White Sox beat Seanle in Chicago.

Royals 3, Twins 2 Rey Sanchez hit a triple to lead off the 10th inning and Carlos Beltran followed with a sacrifice suburban Denver. The Rockies will wear fly as Kansas City beat Minnesota to a Columbine High School patch on their gain a rare home victory.

Padres 2, Pirates n Andy Asbby pitched eight strong innings and Reggie Sanders homered as the Padres stopped Pittsburgh's four-game winning string.

Astros 1n, Cubs 3 Jeff Bagwell his
three homers, passing Jimmy Wynn for
the most in team history, and drove in six

runs as Housion won in Chicago. Braves 11, Dodgers 4 Javy Lopez hit his second homer of the game during a seven-run burst in the 12th inning that led

Atlanta to victory at Dodger Stadium.

Brewers 2, Cardinals 1 Dave Nilsson hit a solo home run as host Milwaukee beat a St. Louis team missing Mark McGwire, who has a tight harnstring.

Giants 4, Marlins n Joe Nathan pitched even scoreless innings in his major league debut as San Francisco beat Florida at home. Nathan, a former shortstop who had never played above Double-A. gave up four hits and struck out four. His fastball was clocked at 97 miles (156 kilometers) per hour.

ondbacks 4, Phillies 2 Man Williams hit a three-run homer as Arizona swept Philadelphia and finished its home stand with an 8-2 record.

Reds 7, Mets 4 Greg Vaughn hit a twogave Cincinnati victory in New York.

 Montreal and Colorado called off their game at Coors Field for the second straight day because of the shooting in right sleeves for the rest of the season.

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period, the Ducks buzzed Osgood's net. Askey charged out of his net, got caught in no-man's land and could not

quick shot from the right wing that gave Detroit a 5-3 lead. In other playoff games, The Asso-

ciased Press reported: Stars 2, Oilers 1 Gny Carbonneau scored with 6:53 to play as the heavily favored Stars rallied to beat Edmonton in

Rem Murray gave Edmonton a 1-0 lead in the second period before the Stars tied it on a goal by Jere Lehtinen 13 tender in six games. seconds into the third.

make only 12 saves for the victory on his Sabrea 2, Senators 1 Dominik
Hasek's 40 saves led Buffalo to victory

Dallas to win just its unit the season. The Rockets' clinching a playoff spot,
The Mavericks led by

Michael Peca scored in the first period and Curtis Brown in the second for the Sabres, who were outshot, 41-15, but made the most of their chances.

Wade Redden scored for the Senators. who finished second in the Eastern Con-

 The San Jose-Colorado game was postponed because of the shooting deaths at a suburban high school near Denver. The Avalanche also postponed the second game of the series; scheduled

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Rockets Fizzle Against Mavericks

playoff berths, 17 played on a busy night in the National Basketball Association, Some of the top teams stumbled. The Houston Rockets and Utah Jazz

had the most surprising losses on Wed-Mayericks 109, Rockets 95 Michael Finley had 27 points and 11 assists as

Dallas surprised its foorth playoff coneconds into the third.

The Dallas goalie Ed Belfour had to baffling, the Rockets coach, Rudy

Tomjanovich, said after his team allowed Dallas to win just its third road game of the season. The Rockets were kept from The Mavericks led by as many as 26

points against the Rockets, who never recovered after allowing an 11-0 run in the first quarter. Gary Trent had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki, a rookie,

added 22 points for his fifth double-figure performance in the last six games.
Suns 91, Jazz 82 Jason Kidd had 21 points and 12 assists as the Phoenix Suns

beat visiting Utah. The Suns squandered a 21-point lead before staging a late rally to pull into a tie Conference with Minnesota.

I YELL AT HIM

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SOMEDAY I'M GOING TO

WRITE A BOOK ABOUT HIM

"I have not figured this team out yet." time, as the Pacers beat Milwaukee in Of the 21 teams still in contention for the Suns' coach, Danny Ainge, said. "I Indianapolis. do not know what is going on. Karl Malone had 28 points and 13

rebounds for league-leading Utah. Homets 88, Pistons 85 Charlone ran its winning streak to nine games and moved into eighth place in the East.

NBA ROUNDUP

The Homets overcame the absence of Eddie Jones and got a season-high 32 points from Elden Campbell. Grant Hill had 28 points, nine rebounds and six assists for visiting De-

troit, which has failed to score more than 86 points in its last six games. Trail Blazers 88, Lakers 82 Rasheed Wallace had 21 points and nine rebounds as Portland improved to 2-0 against visiting Los Angeles and moved with a half- 25 points and Theo Ratliff scored the game of Utah for the best record in the

league. The Lakers rallied from 13 points down, faltering in the final minutes. Heat 93, Cavaliers 80 Dan Majerle was 4-of-5 on 3-pointers and scored 14 for-23 at the foul line to win at home and points as the Heat beat Cleveland in avoid tying Chicago for the worst record Miami to take over first place in the in the Eastern Conference.

Atlantic Division.

Grizzlies 97, Clippors 94 Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 29 points and had a

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YOU CALL

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HAVING A PLEASANT

SHIHH! WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK IN CLASS. DO IT

SuperSonics 119, Timberwolves 105 Don MacLean started in place of the

injured Vin Baker, and the forward had season highs of 21 points and 10 rebounds as the SuperSonics beat Minnesota in Seattle and stayed tied for ighth place in the West. Kings 103, Warriors 94 Chris Webber

scored 25 points and Vlade Divac had 20 as Sacramento beat visiting Golden State to stay tied with Seattle. The Warriors dropped two games behind them in the race for the eighth postseason spot. Raptors 107, Wizards 91 Dee Brown shot 6-for-6 on 3-pointers in the fourth

son-high 28 points as Toronto won in 76ers 80, Cotties 78 Allen Iverson had winning points on a layup with 7 seconds left as Philadelphia won in Boston.

quarter and Doug Christie scored a sea-

Nets 99, Bulls 87 Keith Van Hom scored 28 points and the Nets shot 23-

25 points, including four free career-high six blocks in a Vancouver throws in the final 20 seconds of over- meeting of the league's worst teams.

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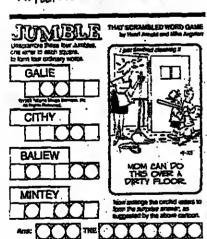
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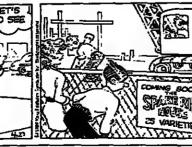


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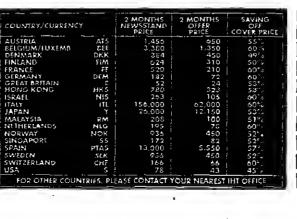
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Still for the People?

By Evelyn Nieves New York Times Service

BERKELEY. California
On days when the sun looks kindly on it. People's Park can seem like a quaint

The people who live on the cast end, on benches in Governor Ronald Reagan's a grove. A smattering of bodlawn. Community gardeners tend their patches on the west end, and the few nearby drug addicts are camouflaged by

shrubs, easily overlooked, Volunteers rebuilding the Free Speech stage near the free-clothes box and others painting the finishing touches around it. People's Park has on a banner for the park's 30th anniversary celebration, to be held this Sunday, simply could not believe that anyone would want to change a thing about this vestige of the '60s protest movement.

But the fact is that a great many people avoid People's Each time it has tried asserting Park. In a sure sign of the a new plan for the space, it widespread distaste for the clashes with those who want place, even in a city that proudly retains its liberal repulation, a local columnist recently suggested that the park would make a better strip mall or parking garage. And on an afternoon made for worship-ing the sun. University of California students, on a campus of \$1,000 two blocks away. were strangely absent. So, too, were parents pushing strollers, school children on bikes and old people out for air.

symbolic power, Bom when a gardeners were out gardening diverse group of residents and students decided in April But the question becomes. 1969 to plant sod, flowers and playground equipment on an police occupying the park all unused lot owned by the unithe time? There is this nasty versity. People's Park re- underbelly out there when the ceived its bloody christening police are not there."

a month later, when the university decided to take back its land in one of the most infamous domestic clashes of

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the Vietnam era. So many different types of people protested the official overreaction to the park --30,000 people tin a city of nowhere in particular picnic 100,000) marched to protest order to send in 2,000 Naies flop on the uncombed tional Guard troops with rifles, hoses and tear gas that People's Park became a worldwide symbol of the power of community.

But that was then. Since 1972, when activists tore down the chain-link fence the university had erected become the refuge for a cadre of fringe characters. Drug dealers and users, has-been hippies and would-be hippies and several societies of homeless people dug in their heels. The university still owns the

land, but leases it to the city. Each time it has tried asserting the park to remain as is. But to many here, housing on the site is an idea whose

time has come. Kaie Coleman, a journalist who helped tear down the fence to take over the park in 1972, said the community had tired of the park as a haven for the criminal element.

"If you go there now." Coleman said, "you're get-ting a sanitized view because the police have been sweeping it. I walked through last night and there was a bas-No one denies the park's ketball game going on and the Are you going to have the

Vikram Seth Plays to His 'Truest Judges'

By Katherine Knorr

studying economics at Stanford University, he started spending his time with poets in the English department. When he got a Wallace Stegner fellowship to write poetry, he spent his time learning photography. When he began to write his dissertation, on Chinese village economies, he wrote his first novel instead, in verse. Some years later, he published "A Suitable Boy," a large fresco of a novel set in 1950s India against the background of religious and communal violence, which became an international best-seller. He never went back to the dissertation.

'That's always the case, isn't it? You're supposed to do something. you do something else." he said with a smile, staring with wry puzzlement at the preciously presented dishes in a restaurant near Noning Hill Gate. Bom in Calcutta, of Hindi-speaking parents, he is a slightly built, dark-haired man with a wicked sense of humor, who seems, at 47, a kind of wordly-wise adolescent. As a polymath, he's also impossible to pigeonhole as a writer, which is pretty much his goal, to do something different each time: "You won't be bored;

it's a way of spending a life." His most recent novel. "An Equal Music." is, like "A Suitable Boy," centered on a doomed love affair. But if "A Suitable Boy" was a vast opera, "An Equal Mu-sic" is a sonata, sublime and melancholy. "The Golden Gate" was his San Francisco novel - all alternative lifestyles, gender breakdowns and anti-military protests -and "Suitable Boy" was his India

novel. This is his music novel.
"I've always loved music." he said. "but I've tried not to write about it because I loved it so much. about it because I loved it so much. I've always kept it as a kind of preserve. I was trained in Indian classical singing and I learned the tabla and a bit of Indian flute, But I

turned to Western music somewhat late. I did a bit of piuno and cello but it's pointless coming to it at the ONDON - Vikram Seth is a lage I came to it. I have friends who Linatural dilettante, in the best are musicians. I probably have sense of the word. When he was more friends who are musicians than literary people, especially in London.

"An Equal Music" follows the strange downward spiral of Michael Holme, a butcher's son from the bleak north of England and the second violinist of the Londonbased Maggiore Quartet.

Michael seems curiously and permanently in mourning for his life. for Julia, a woman he left in Vienna 10 years before and could never track down again, for the destroyed movie houses and the sinister park-ing lots of Rochdale, for youth and the musical careers that might have been, for the teacher he turned against and who is dying, for the benefactor who may be dying, for the precious Italian violin he doesn't own and will never be able to buy. In his late 30s. Michael's life is

all music and at the same time all

poetical tedium, gloomy walks

through London, between rehearsals of the quartet, until he becomes a kind of high-class stalker. All with Schubert and Bach as the incidental and frequently melancholy music.
"A Suitable Boy" attracted a huge and enthusiastic public, most of whom had never set foot in India, but Seth writes first of all for the people who know the world he is talking about: "If musicians read ['An Equal Music'] and say, Look, this isn't really true or something, or you glantonized our world, then I'd think that, oo maner what glowing reviews I get from the general read-er. I would feel that to some extent it's failed artistically because it's falsified. Because I tend to write realistic novels. I really think the clearest judgment would be obtained from them, I don't try to make



Vikram Seth is impossible to pigeonhole as a writer.

Suitable Boy," as severe communal violence broke out in India around the time of its publication.
When he was writing "A Suitable Boy," "the worst of it was yet to come," he said. I was harking back to the 1950s, and then things had died down for about 20 years. I had no idea that what I was writing about -- the attacks of temples and mosques - actually would take place two months before the book - while the book was actually things deliberately referential or ob- being typeset. They said, how pres-

couldn't bave been blamed for that because it was already writteo. Although he says he's not in-terested in literary theory (and calls the deconstructionists and other university literit types "the mad critics"). Seth is part of a contemporary trend among poets toward formalism. He was at Stanford at the same time as Dana Gioia, whose "Does Poetry Matthings the public estrangement from the confessional, anything-goes poetry coming out of Amer-ican universities. Seth informally studied with the poet Timothy Steele, who recently published a

"Trends in poerry are even in a "Trends in poerry are even in a sense more rigid than trends in fiction." Seth said. "Because at least in fiction, if something sells, then editors will publish it, but in poerry lists are the preserve of people who don't expect to sell and they don't expect their poerry list to make a profit so they just leave poerry editors to publish their poetry editors to publish their friends and their fellow poets in their particular school of writing."

"The Golden Gate." which combines humor and sadness in sonnet form, is a wholly successful linking of formal poetry to modern moral dilemmas. Once he had seen Steele's verse, he said, "I realized that one could write about one's own times with a modem sensibility and yet use these forms which have existed in the language for hundreds of years, full of the resonance that

they had and the clarity that they almost forced upon one.

After his early schooling in India, Seth went to Oxford, then Stanford. "I thought, oh my God, thickheaded beach boys and no intellectual conversation. But then I met people who were both very intelligent and interested in things of the mind, and also who would think nothing about teaching you to swim butterfly. For me it was like a revelation in a wonderful way. That's why The Golden Gate, in a way, for all its tragedy, it's a happy

swimming leads to some of the odder scenes in "An Equal Music," based on Seth's own experience as a member of the Serpentine Swimming Club, "You don't want to swallow too much of it, but if you did it wouldn't kill you. But now we have to sign all kinds of forms, how we won't sue anyone if we die," he said, laughing. "In the sommer, it's a little — the algae. ter?" chronicled among other It's actually nicer in the winter, cold though it is. The only slight danger is not the ice but when the ice is just forming, because then you get those little slivers and shards that you can't always see, and they can tear into you. I love swimming there, the back stroke.



Yuri Grigorovich giving last-minute instructions before the opening.

PEOPLE

THE dancer and choreographer Mikhail Baryshnikov will perform at Toronto's Elgin Theatre in June with the White Oak Dance Project, the contemporary dance troupe he founded in 1990. He will dance in performances June 16 through 19, after a June 15 ceremony in which he will receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto. The honor coincides with

took in Toronto in the summer of 1974. . The choreographer Yuri Grigorovich has returned to the stage in Moscow, with his first production there since he quit the Bolshoi Ballet three years ago, Grigorovich, who was artistic director of the Bolshol for three decades until his resignation after a long-running dispute with the theater administration, Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" to the state theater in the Kremlin.

The funeral address by the brother of Diana, Princess of Wales, is to be studied in British secondary schools starting this spring, it was announced Thursday. Earl Spencer's eulogy, in which he fired shots at the press and the British royal

a new English text book "Grammar in Context," Geoff Barton, deputy head-master of Thurston Upper School, near Bury Saint Edmunds, in eastern England, family and vowed to belp raise her two said: "Diana was a role model for many sons. William and Harry, is to appear in of our students and Earl Spencer's speech

Cannes Festival Announces 1999 Lineup

The Assuctated Press

PARIS — Twenty-two films will vie for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes film festival this year, which runs from May 12-23: "Rosetta," Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne, Belgium: "8½ Women," Peter Greenaway, Britain; "Wonderland." Michael Winterbottom, Britain: "Fellcia's Journey," Atom Egoyan, Canada; "The Emperor and the Assassin," Chen Kaige, China; "Pola X." Leos Carax, France; "L'Humanite," Bruno Dumont, France; "Le Temps Retrouve." Raoul Ruiz, France; "Nos Vies Heureuses." Jacques Maillot, France; "Love Will Tear Us Apart," Yu Lik Wai, Hoog Kong; "The Tales of Kisb," Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Abolfaz Djalili and Nasser Tagbvai, Iran; "Kadosh." Amos Gitai, Israel; "La Balia," Marco Bellochio, Italy; "The Summer of Kikujiro." Takeshi Kitano, Japan; "No One Writes to the Colonel." Arturo Ripstein, Mexico; "A Carta." Manoel de Oliveira, Portugal; "Moloch." Alexander Sokourov, Russia and Germany; "All About My Mather" Padro Alexander Sokourov, Russia and Germany; "All About My Mather" Padro Alexander Sokourov, Russia and Germany; "All About My

Mother." Pedro Almodovar, Spain; "Ghost Dog, the Way of the Samurai," Jim Jarmusch, U.S.; "The Cradle Will Rock," Tim Robbins, U.S.; "Limbo," Joho Sayles, U.S.; "The Straight Story," David Lynch, U.S.

perfectly captured the emotions so many young people will have felt."

Bob Dylan. Tom Petty. Jeff Lynoe and George Harrison plan to get together next year to revive the Traveling Wilburys, 10 years after the group's unexpected success. The Wilburys, which also included Roy Orblson, produced two elbums in 1988 and 1990. Petty said they would explain to perform Petty said they would probably perform in public this time around. "It's likely it can happeo oext year, 'he said. 'If we do it, we should perform like a real group.'

DA

The conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli bas accepted a request by the musicians of the Staatskapelle in Dresden to con- .tinue to direct the orchestra until 2007. Sinopoli, 52, who has conducted the orchestra since 1992, was already uoder contract to stay until 2002. He also said that he would end his involvement with the Rome Opera at the end of May to concentrate on Dresdeo.



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